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Births.

BEATTY.—December 16, at her residence, Cunningham-street, North Shore, Sydney, the wife of James D. Beatty, of a son.

BOLTEN.—December 15, at her residence, Oak Lodge, Concord, the wife of H. Bolten, of a daughter.

CANTLE.—December 17, at her residence, Norton-street, Leichhardt, the wife of J. M. Cantle, of a son.

GRAY.—December 6, 1885, at A. J. S. Bank, Redfern, the wife of John S. Gray, of a son.

LYONS.—December 22, at her residence, Glenburnie, Summer Hill, the wife of H. Lyons, of a daughter.

PARBURY.—December 16, at Satur, Scone, the wife of F. A. Parbury, of a daughter.

POWELL.—December 18, at her residence, Homebush Villa, Homebush, the wife of E. J. R. Powell, of a daughter.

SCOTT.—December 7, at the Bank of New South Wales, Bega, Mrs. William Scott, of a daughter.

Marriages.

BROWN—BLACK.—December 19, at Perth House, Parramatta, by the Rev. Robert Jackson, M.A., James Brown, son of David Brown, Felling-on-Tyne, England, to Elizabeth Mary, daughter of the late John Black, Balmain.

COWDERY—GILES.—December 2, 1885, at the Congregational Church, Croydon, by the Rev. W. Mathison, B.A., George Robert, eldest son of George Cowdery, Llanfair, Burwood, to Martha Annie (Mattie), youngest daughter of Francis Giles, Esher, Summer Hill.

VAN MILLINGEN—GOLDRING.—December 15, at the residence of the bride's mother, Rockleigh, Paddington, by the Rev. A. B. Davis, Bertha, eldest daughter of the late Edward Isaac Goldring, to Harry, third son of Philip Van Millingen, of Brisbane.

Deaths.

BEATTY.—December 23, at her residence, Cunningham-street, North Shore, Sydney, Elizabeth Jane, beloved wife of James D. Beatty, aged 26.

BLUMER.—December 21, at Albury, Minnie, youngest daughter of Luke and Bessie Blumer, aged 3 years.

FITZHARDINGE.—December 19, 1885, at Dursley, Glen Innes, William Ross Fitzhardinge, elder son of Moreton Hyde and Christian Margaret Fitzhardinge, aged 4 years and 6 months.

KINGCOTT.—October 28, at his residence, Yatton, Somerset, England, George Kingcott, Esq., farmer, and beloved father of Mrs. G. F. Garland, Simmons-street, Enmore, aged 71 years.

MOORE.—At her parents' residence, Ambleside, High-street, St. Leonards, Madeline Maud, infant daughter of Charles and Eliza Moore, aged 10 months.

WALLIS.—December 19, at the Sydney Infirmary, the beloved wife of Henry Wallis, through burns accidentally received, which she bore with patient suffering, leaving a loving husband to mourn his loss.

THORNE.—December 22, at her residence, Lesetta, Illawarra-road, Marrickville, of disease of the heart, Alice, beloved wife of James Thorne, aged 35 years.

In Memoriam.

BEIRNE.—Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret, the beloved wife of Thomas Beirne, who departed this life on October 17, at her residence, Mantua, county Roscommon, Ireland. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

RALPH.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife, Rachael Ralph, who died on the 13th September, 1885, aged 28 years. Also the infant daughter of the above, who died 21st December, aged 3 months 12 days.

Shipping.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Company's Steamships (under contract with the Victorian Government for the Conveyance of H. M. Mails) will be despatched as under from the Company's Wharf, at the Circular Quay, DIRECT TO PLYMOUTH and LONDON, via Colombo, calling at Melbourne, Glenelg, and King George's Sound:—

Steamer.	Tons.	Date.	Steamer.	Tons.	Date.
Carthage	5013	Dec. 24	Rome	5013	Mar. 5
Massilia	4908	Jan. 8	Shannon	4189	Mar. 19
Valetta	4911	Jan. 22	Parramatta	4759	April 2
Tasmania	4488	Feb. 5	Sutlej	4194	April 14
Coromandel	4500	Feb. 19	Kaisar-i-Hind	4023	April 28

and thenceforth every alternate week.

Rates of Passage Money to Plymouth or London:—£70 first and £40 second-class.

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SPECIAL RETURN TICKETS TO EUROPE.
Available 9 months—First-class, £105; second-class, £55.
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RESERVED ACCOMMODATION can be obtained on most moderate terms.

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The magnificent Steamers AUSTRALIA and ZEALANDIA will SYDNEY for SAN FRANCISCO DIRECT, via Honolulu, as under, without transhipment.

Steamer.	Tons.	Date of Departure.
ZEALANDIA	3200	Tuesday, 29th December, 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIA	3200	Tuesday, 26th January, 10 a.m.
ZEALANDIA	3200	Wednesday, 24th Feb., 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIA	3200	Wednesday, 24th March, 4 p.m.
ZEALANDIA	3200	Thursday, 22nd April, 4 p.m.

And Monthly thereafter.

Passengers are booked to San Francisco or through to European destination with special advantages, and have at San Francisco choice of the unrivalled Atlantic Steamship Lines of the Cunard, Inman, White Star, or other companies.

Passengers destined to any part of the United States or the provinces procure their railroad ticket at San Francisco.

All first-class passengers are allowed 350lb. of luggage to San Francisco, and 250lb. "Overland," free of charge.

THROUGH FARE TO LONDON.
FIRST-CLASS ... £66
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Passengers proceeding eastward can connect with the steamers of the Pacific Mail S.S. Company, leaving ports in China and Japan for San Francisco.

For rates of passage and freight, and all other information, apply to

GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., 1, Bent-street, Sydney.

S.S. ZEALANDIA, FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

CARGO for the above steamer will be received as under:—
Bonded goods from 9 till 1 p.m. THIS DAY.
Free goods not later than 4 p.m. THIS DAY.

GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND, Limited.

SAN FRANCISCO ROYAL MAIL SERVICE.

Overland Route to England via San Francisco and New York, calling at Auckland and Honolulu.

Under Contract with the Postmasters-General of New South Wales and New Zealand, the Company will despatch large and powerful steamers, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every FOURTH THURSDAY, at 4 p.m.

Steamer.	Leave Sydney.	Arrive San Francisco.
Alameda	31st Dec., at 4 p.m.	25th January, 1886.
Mariposa	28th January, 1886	22nd February.
Mararoa	25th February	22nd March.
Alameda	25th March	19th April.
Mariposa	22nd April	17th May.

Passengers adopting this route avoid the heat and discomfort of the Red Sea, and have the privilege of remaining at any or all ports en route, thus adding to the pleasure and value of the trip.

It is also to be particularly noted that these steamers are specially designed for tropical trades, being fitted with electric light throughout, and with a refrigerating chamber for ship's provisions, thus ensuring every comfort and convenience when passing through the tropics.

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Passengers are allowed the privilege of breaking the journey at Honolulu, resuming it on the intermediate or any steamer within reasonable time.

Good hotel accommodation may be obtained at Honolulu at reasonable rates.

Passengers destined to any part of the United States, or the provinces, procure their railroad ticket at San Francisco.

All first-class passengers are allowed 350lb. of baggage to San Francisco, and 250lb. "Overland" free of charge.

THROUGH FARE TO LONDON.
FIRST-CLASS ... £66
and upwards, according to the selection to be made at San Francisco.

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REDUCED FARES.

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FREDK. W. JACKSON, Manager.

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ALFRED LAMB and CO., Agents.

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Ship.	Tons	Date.	Ship.	Tons	Date.
POTOSI	4267	Jan. 2	AUSTRAL	5588	Mar. 13
ORIENT	5386	Jan. 16	CUZCO	3849	Mar. 27
GARONNE	3876	Jan. 30	LIGURIA	4666	Apl. 10
SORATA	4059	Feb. 13	IBERIA	4702	Apl. 24
JOHN ELDER	4152	Feb. 27	CHIMBORAZO	3847	May 8

and fortnightly thereafter.

SALOON PASSENGERS allowed to break their journey.

PASSENGERS FROM LONDON.—Special facilities afforded for bringing out friends and relatives by prepayment of the passage-money here.

ENTIRE CABINS reserved on most liberal terms.

PASSAGE MONEY, £15 to £70.

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Available 9 months—First Class, £105.
Available 12 months—First Class, £115; Second Class, £65.

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Parcels are received at the Office of the Line, and are forwarded to any address in the United Kingdom at the following rates:—
Up to 28lb. weight, 6d per lb. (minimum, 2s 6d)
Over 28lb. weight, 4d per lb. (minimum, 14s)
Steamer has the option of taking them by measurement, charging 2s 6d per cubic foot, or fraction of a foot.

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207, George-street.

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Steamers under postal contract with the Government of France.

The service is carried on by powerful steamers of 4000 tons and 3000 effective h.p., built expressly for the Australian and New Caledonian line, which will be despatched as follows:—

Steamer	Commander.	Leave Sydney at NOON.	Leave Melbourne at 1 p.m.
OCEANIEN	Didier	Dec. 29	January 2, 1886
SYDNEY	Poydenot	Jan. 26	Jan. 30
SALAZIE	Bullard	Feb. 23	Feb. 27

and thenceforth every 28 days.

Rates of passage money to Marseilles from £25 to £65, including table wine and the Suez Canal dues on passengers.

RETURN TICKETS issued at the following rates:—

	1st class.	2nd class.	3rd class.
Available 9 months	£105	£84	£40
Available 12 months	115	92	42

N.B.—Passengers' luggage conveyed free of cost from Marseilles to London. For freight, passage, and further particulars, apply at the Company's Office, 13, Macquarie-place.

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STEAM TO ENGLAND.

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The British-India Company, being under postal contract with the Queensland Government for the Conveyance of Mails monthly between Queensland and England, the following magnificent steamships will be despatched from Brisbane for London, via North Queensland ports, Batavia, Aden, and the Suez Canal:—

ROMA, 2727 tons, Captain H. M. Ingram, TUESDAY, 29th December.

DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, 3726 tons, Captain J. Waterman TUESDAY, 26th January, 1886.

MERKARA, 2971 tons, Captain G. Phillips, TUESDAY, 23rd February, 1886.

Passengers by this route have the advantage of visiting the Queensland ports, and can leave Sydney by any of the steamers of the Queensland Steam Shipping Company, embarking on board the British-India steamer at Brisbane, Townsville, Cooktown, or Thursday Island.

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The steamers are fitted with all the latest improvements, and the accommodation and table attendance is unrivalled.

The agents now issue passenger tickets on the following moderate scale:—

Saloon, Sydney to London	£38	0	0
*Second Class	36	10	0
*Third Class	20	0	0
Saloon, return (available for 12 months)	65	0	0

Through passages issued to Padang, Samarang, Sourabaya, Macassar, Singapore, and other ports in the Eastern Archipelago, exchanging at Batavia to the fine steamers of the Netherlands-India S. N. Company.

*Should sufficient inducement offer.

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BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited, Agents, Bridge-street.

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This splendid vessel has very superior passenger accommodation. Fare, £50 saloon.

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QUEENSLAND STEAM SHIPPING COMPANY, Limited.

The fine, magnificent, full-powered Steamship MARANOA, W. W. HAMPTON, Commander, will be despatched for BRISBANE, ROCKHAMPTON (passengers only), MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, and COOKTOWN, taking passengers for Maryborough and Bundaberg, for transhipment at Brisbane and for Dungeness, Cardwell, Mourilyan Harbour, and Johnstone River, for transhipment at Townsville, TUESDAY, 29th, at 5 p.m., affording those who are desirous of spending their New Year in Brisbane an opportunity of arriving there the day previous.

The MARANOA is one of the Company's finest boats, and is noted for the COMFORT of her saloon and the excellence of her table.

Steerage passengers victualled and supplied with bedding.

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QUEENSLAND STEAM SHIPPING COMPANY, Limited.

The STEAMERS of this Company will be despatched from the Company's Wharf, foot of Margaret-street, to the undermentioned Ports, as follows:—

	MARANOA.	ARCHER.	WARREGO.
BRISBANE, &c.	December 29.	January 6.	January 13.
a MARYBOROUGH	ditto	ditto	ditto
a BUNDABERG	ditto	ditto	ditto
b ROCKHAMPTON	ditto	ditto	ditto
b MACKAY	ditto	ditto	ditto
BOWEN	ditto	ditto	ditto
TOWNSVILLE	ditto	ditto	ditto
c DUNGENESS	ditto	ditto	ditto
c MOURILYAN	ditto	ditto	ditto
c JOHNSTONE RIV.	ditto	ditto	ditto
CAIRNS	ditto	ditto	ditto
PORT DOUGLAS	ditto	ditto	ditto
COOKTOWN	ditto	ditto	ditto
THURSDY. ISLND., NORMANTON	MARANOA, December 29, transhipping at Cooktown.		

a Passengers for Maryborough and Bundaberg transhipped at Brisbane.

b Passengers and perishable Cargo taken from Rockhampton for transhipment at Keppel Bay.

b Passengers for Mackay transhipped at Flat Top Island.

c Passengers and cargo for Dungeness, Cardwell, Mourilyan Harbour, and Johnstone River transhipped at Townsville.

Passengers booking on board will be charged 5s extra.

Cargo received daily and up to one hour before sailing time.

Steerage passengers victualled and supplied with bedding.

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TASMANIAN S. N. CO.'S STEAMERS will leave the COMPANY'S JETTY at GRAFTON WHARF—

For HOBART, via EDEN (passengers only for Eden): S. SOUTHERN CROSS, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 4 p.m.

For LAUNCESTON, via EDEN: S. CORINNA, THURSDAY, 31st December, at 10 a.m.

No cargo received within one hour of sailing.

T. and W. WILLIS, Agents, 15, Pitt-street.

TASMANIAN STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

SUMMER EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS are now being issued, available for three months, to and from
HOBART—Saloon, £7; Steerage, £5
LAUNCESTON—Saloon, £6; Steerage, £4.
FOR HOBART—S. FLORA, 4th and 18th January.
FOR LAUNCESTON—S. CORINNA, 31st December, at 10 a.m.

School Children travelling to school, or proceeding for their holidays, upon production of certificate from Principal of the School at which they are attending, can obtain Return Tickets at Single Fares.

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T. and W. WILLIS, Agents, 15, Pitt-street.

SUMMER EXCURSION, EDEN LINE.

The TASMANIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY will issue Return Tickets at Single Fares between EDEN AND SYDNEY, available from 15th December, 1885, to 15th January, 1886.

T. and W. WILLIS, Agents.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S. S. COMPANY, Limited.

STEAM TO SINGAPORE and HONGKONG, taking cargo also for THURSDAY ISLAND, PORT DARWIN, JAVA, AND PORTS IN STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, and calling en route at Brisbane, Mackay, Townsville, and Cooktown.

The new and powerful steamship GUTHRIE, 2500 tons, S. G. Green, commander, will be despatched from the Company's Wharf, Miller's Point, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, at 4 p.m.

For freight or passage, apply to

GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., Agents.

CARGO NOW BEING RECEIVED.

FOR LONDON, ANTWERP, and HAMBURG

The splendid full-powered steamship SORRENTO, 2871 tons, 100 A1 at Lloyd's, L. E. MULLER, Commander.

This steamer offers special advantages to continental shippers as wool and other cargo will be delivered without transhipment.

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The undersigned will despatch their STEAMERS (when practicable) as follows, from STRUTH'S WHARF and the NEW WHARF, foot of KING-STREET:—

FOR MELBOURNE		
BUNINYONG	J. D. Joy	THIS DAY, Dec. 24, 8 p.m.
BARRABOOL	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, 11 a.m.
GAMBIER	R. R. Brown	TUESDAY, Dec. 29, 12 noon.
LEURA	J. Pain	THURSDAY, Dec. 31.
FOR CIRCULAR HEAD, EMU BAY, TABLE CAPE, RIVER MERSEY, &c., Tasmania.		
BARRABOOL	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, 11 a.m.
FOR ADELAIDE (Via MELBOURNE).		
GAMBIER	R. R. Brown	TUESDAY, Dec. 29, 12 noon
KONOOWAR'A	J. Tozer	TUESDAY, Jan. 2, 12 noon.
FOR BRISBANE.		
LEURA	J. Pain	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
BURWAH	J. South	TUESDAY, Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
BARRABOOL	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
FOR MARYBOROUGH.		
LEURA	J. Pain	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
BURWAH	J. South	TUESDAY, Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
BARRABOOL	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
FOR ROCKHAMPTON.		
LEURA	J. Pain	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
BURWAH	J. South	TUESDAY, Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
BARRABOOL	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
FOR MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, DUNGENESS, CARDWELL, MOURILYAN HARBOUR, GERALDTON, RUSSELL RIVER, and PLANTATION CREEK.		
LEURA	J. Pain	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, 1 p.m.

Cargo received for above ports every day. Fore-cabin passengers supplied with bedding and victualled free.

All passengers' tickets issued on board the steamers will be charged 5s in excess of the ordinary rate.

Return tickets are available for six months.

Excursion tickets at reduced rates are now issued to Tasmanian ports.

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STEAM TO MELBOURNE.

The splendid new S.S. BUNINYONG, 3000 tons, J. D. Joy, commander, will leave the NEW WHARF, FOOT of KING-STREET, THIS DAY, December 24, 8 p.m.

Attention is directed to the SUPERIOR passenger accommodation of the BUNINYONG, which is the largest steamship at present owned in Australia. The State Rooms are EXCEPTIONALLY large, and contain ONLY TWO Berths each. The Saloon goes RIGHT ACROSS the BUNINYONG, which is fitted up with ALL THE LUXURIES of the ocean-going MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

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The PASSENGERS' FARES will be REDUCED as follows:—
SALOON ... TWO POUNDS
STEERAGE ... FIFTEEN SHILLINGS.

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STEAM TO BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, DUNGENESS, CARDWELL, MOURILYAN HARBOUR, GERALDTON, RUSSELL RIVER, and PLANTATION CREEK.

The fast and favourite S.S. LEURA will be despatched from the NEW WHARF, foot of King-street, for the above ports, transhipping at Brisbane, SATURDAY, December 26, at 1 p.m. No goods received for shipment after 12 o'clock noon.

The undersigned have now arranged the movements of their steamers so that passengers for Queensland can call successively at all Northern Ports as far as Townsville. Steamers leaving Brisbane on Wednesdays call at MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, and TOWNSVILLE, landing passengers and cargo at Town Wharves.

For freight and passage apply to

WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS, Limited, 79, York-street.

WEEKLY STEAM SERVICE TO ADELAIDE.

The undersigned beg to announce that they have arranged to commence in December a WEEKLY STEAM SERVICE between SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, and ADELAIDE (without transhipment).

PASSENGERS for Adelaide will be allowed to break the journey at Melbourne; and RETURN TICKETS will be available for SIX MONTHS.

CARGO between above ports will not now be subjected to transhipment.

The favourite steamer GAMBIER will leave TUESDAY DECEMBER 29, 12 noon, and other Steamers will leave Sydney every TUESDAY regularly.

For freight or passage, apply

WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS, Limited.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE and GEELONG.—The undersigned will despatch their steamers from their wharf as under (when practicable):—

FOR MELBOURNE.		
BURRUMBEET	W. H. Emmerson	TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 6 p.m.
NEMESIS	W. F. Deary	TUESDAY, December 29, at noon.
CORANGAMITE	P. Le Neven	SATURDAY, January 2, at noon.
WENDOUREE	J. A. Roberts	TUESDAY, January 5, at noon.
FOR GEELONG.		
NEMESIS	W. F. Deary	TUESDAY, December 29, at noon.
WENDOUREE	J. A. Roberts	TUESDAY, January 5, at noon.

Cargo received for above ports every day.

HUDDART, PARKER, and CO., Foot of Margaret-street.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE.

The Magnificent New Steel Steamship BURRUMBEET, WILLIAM H. EMMERSON, Commander (Sister ship to the Corangamite), The two largest steamships engaged in the intercolonial trade, Will sail from Huddart, Parker's Wharf TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, at 6 p.m.

The Burrumbeet and Corangamite are admitted to be unrivalled on the Australian coast for comfort, elegance, and promenade deck space. The saloons are of exquisite design, the full width of the ships; the ELECTRIC LIGHT is installed throughout the vessels, and passengers enjoy all the comforts of the largest ocean-going steamships. The FORE CABINS of these ships are worthy of inspection, being cleanly, lofty, and well-ventilated, with perfect sanitation. Fore cabin passengers found in food and beds.

FARES.
Saloon, £2; return, £3 10s. Fore cabin, 15s.
Return tickets available for 6 months.

HUDDART, PARKER, and CO., Foot of Margaret-street.

STEAM TO NEWCASTLE

DAY TRIP.

The S.S. NEMESIS, 2000 tons, will leave Huddart-Parker's Wharf, foot of Margaret-street, TO-MORROW (CHRISTMAS) MORNING, at 10 o'clock.

FARES;
SALOON, FIVE SHILLINGS.
STEERAGE, TWO SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE.

HUDDART, PARKER, and CO.

Offices—Foot of Margaret-street.

NAMBUCCRA RIVER.—Lady Lorne. Cargo being received Fagan's Wharf. C. B. Bond, 94, Sussex-street.

FOR SUVA AND LEVUKA, FIJI.—The Barque BELLA MARY, 240 tons register, having nearly the whole of her cargo engaged, will have quick despatch.

For freight or passage apply to

G. J. WATERHOUSE, 44, Pitt-street.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY intend despatching their steamers to the following ports, viz.:—

MELBOURNE	Quiraing	Saturday, 10 a.m.
Ditto	Ly-ee-Moon	Tuesday, 10 a.m.
ADELAIDE (direct)	Steamer	Early
NOUMEA (Wharf)	Gunga	This day, 10 a.m.
SUVA (Fiji)	Gunga	This day, 10 a.m.
LEVUKA (Fiji)	Gunga	This day, 10 a.m.
BRISBANE	Katoomba	Saturday, 2 p.m.
Ditto	Currajong	Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Ditto	Cintra	Wednesday noon
MARYBOROUGH	Katoomba	Saturday, 2 p.m.
BUNDABERG	Currajong	Tuesday, 1 p.m.
GLADSTONE	Steamer	Early
ROCKHAMPTON	Katoomba	Saturday, 2 p.m.
Ditto	Currajong	Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Ditto	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
PORT MACKAY	Katoomba	Saturday, 2 p.m.
Ditto	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
BOWEN	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
TOWNSVILLE	Katoomba	Saturday, 2 p.m.
Ditto	Currajong	Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Ditto	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
DUNGENESS	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
CARDWELL	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
MOURILYAN	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
JOHNSTONE RIV'R	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
CAIRNS	Currajong	Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Ditto	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
CAIRNS WHARF	Katoomba	Saturday, 2 p.m.
PORT DOUGLAS	Katoomba	Saturday, 2 p.m.
Ditto	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
COOKTOWN	Currajong	Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Ditto	Cintra	Wednesday, noon
THURSDAY ISL'D, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN	Katoomba (taking cargo and passengers to connect with the Alexandra, leaving Brisbane 31st instant).	Saturday, 2 p.m.

FORE CABIN FARES TO MELBOURNE REDUCED TO FIFTEEN SHILLINGS.

Fore cabin passengers are provided with bedding and victualled.

Passengers' tickets issued on board steamers will be charged 5s extra.

Return saloon tickets available 6 months.

Passengers by this line are taken direct to the wharf at Melbourne, not transhipped in the bay.

FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND, Limited.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION TO ALL NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

FROM SYDNEY:

WAIHORA, 3003 tons, THIS EVENING, THURSDAY, December 24, at 9 o'clock, for Auckland, Gisborne, Napier, Wellington, Lyttelton, Port Chalmers, Bluff, and Melbourne. Passengers and cargo for Russell are transhipped at Auckland.

WAKATIPU, 1797 tons, about MONDAY, January 4th, for Wellington, Lyttelton, and Port Chalmers, transhipping to outports.

FROM MELBOURNE:

TARAWERA, 2003 tons, TUESDAY, December 29, via Hobart, via Bluff, and all Northern ports.

ROTOMAHANA, 1727 tons, TUESDAY, January 5, via Bluff.

Tourists' Handbooks and Pocket Guides, for information and guidance of passengers, may be had on application at Company's offices, New Zealand Wharf, Margaret and Sussex streets.

FREDK. W. JACKSON, Manager.

STEAM TO NEWCASTLE, RAYMOND TERRACE, CLARENCE TOWN, and MORPETH.

SATURDAY, 26th instant, 6 p.m., the favourite steamship COLLAROY.

Cargo received at the Grafton Wharf.

JOHN ROBERTSON, Grafton Wharf.

NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, RAYMOND TERRACE, &c.

HUNTER RIVER NEW S. N. CO.'S STEAMERS, from Wharf, foot of Market-street, Sydney.

THIS NIGHT, Thursday, at 11, the MAITLAND.
TO-MORROW NIGHT, Friday, at 11, the NAMOI.

Cargo for Newcastle, Morpeth, Raymond Terrace, and Clarence Town received and forwarded every day.

Goods will not be received after 4 p.m.

Cabins and berths can be secured at the Company's Offices, 147, Sussex-street, from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m.; also at the Branch Office, 353, George-street, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Parcels will be received and booked, and small packages of luggage may be left at the Branch Office up to 5 p.m.

F. J. THOMAS, Manager.

Offices { 353, George-street. 147, Sussex-street.

STEAM TO AND FROM NEWCASTLE.

PASSENGER TRIPS during CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS per HUNTER RIVER NEW STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMERS.

Date.	From Sydney.	From Newc'stle.
Thursday, 24th December, 11 p.m.	Maitland	Namoi
Friday, 25th	Namoi	Maitland
Saturday, 26th		Namoi
Sunday, 27th	Maitland	
Monday, 28th	Namoi	Maitland
Tuesday, 29th	Maitland	Namoi
Wednesday, 30th	Namoi	Maitland
Thursday, 31st	Maitland	Namoi
Friday, 1st January	Namoi	Maitland
Saturday, 2nd January		Namoi
Sunday, 3rd January	Maitland	

F. J. THOMAS, Manager.

Offices—147, Sussex-street, and 353, George-street.
Wharf—Foot of Market-street.

H. R. N. S. N. COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS, CONSIGNEES, AND PASSENGERS.

No Goods will be received or delivered on CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th, SATURDAY, 26th, and MONDAY, 28th, excepting perishable goods or live stock.

Passengers can book berths at the Wharf Ticket Office from 9 to 10 a.m., and from 7.30 to 11 p.m. on Christmas day, Saturday, and Monday, and at the Branch Office on Monday from 9 to 10 a.m., and from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

F. J. THOMAS, Manager.

Offices—147, Sussex-street, and 353, George-street.

NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAM TO NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, AND RAYMOND TERRACE.

From Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street.

THIS NIGHT, Thursday, at 11, the NEWCASTLE.
THIS NIGHT, Thursday, the COONANBARA (taking Morpeth cargo only).
TO-MORROW NIGHT, Friday, at 11, the SYDNEY.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
The S.S. SYDNEY will leave Newcastle for Sydney on SUNDAY NIGHT, at 11.

Bonded goods will not be received.
Other goods not after 4 p.m. this day.

Parcels will be received and small packages luggage may be left at the Branch Office up to 5 p.m.

H. D. PORTUS, Manager.

NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

This Company's favourite fast passenger Steamers will make the following night trips:—

Day.	Date.	From Sydney.	From Newcastle.
Thursday, 11 p.m.	Dec. 24	The Newcastle	The Sydney
Friday, 11 p.m.	25	The Sydney	The Newcastle
Saturday, 11 p.m.	26	The Newcastle	
Sunday, 11 p.m.	27		The Sydney
Monday, 11 p.m.	28	The Sydney	The Newcastle
Tuesday, 11 p.m.	29	The Newcastle	The Sydney
Wednesday, 11 p.m.	30	The Sydney	The Newcastle
Thursday, 11 p.m.	31	The Newcastle	The Sydney
Friday, 11 p.m.	Jan. 1	The Sydney	The Newcastle
Saturday, 11 p.m.	2	The Newcastle	
Sunday, 11 p.m.	3		The Sydney
Monday, 11 p.m.	4	The Sydney	The Newcastle

Berths can be secured either by letter or telegram, or on personal application at Sydney Offices, Lime-street Wharf and York-street, next Opera House, and at the Newcastle Offices, Scott-street and Steamers' Wharf.

H. D. PORTUS, Manager.

NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS.

CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY, and MONDAY, 28th instant, being Public Holidays, for the convenience of passengers who wish to secure berths, the Lime-street Office will be KEPT OPEN on those days from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and the Branch Office on MONDAY ONLY from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Perishable goods and live stock will only be delivered up to 9 a.m. on the above days.

H. D. PORTUS, Manager.

RICHMOND RIVER.

The favourite S. S. TINONEE SATURDAY NEXT, 4 p.m.

Cargo now received.

B. B. NICOLL, 9, Sussex-street.

SHOALHAVEN AND BROUGHTON CREEK.

S.S. MEEINDERRY, MONDAY NEXT, at 9 p.m.

During this month return fares will be 20s, including meals.

Cargo received up to 6 p.m.

B. B. NICOLL, 9, Sussex-street.

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMERS to

WOLLONGONG—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 11 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, at 10 a.m.; Saturday, at noon. Passengers only.

KIAMA—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 11 p.m.

SHOALHAVEN—Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 11 p.m.

ULLADULLA—Thursday, at 10 a.m.; cargo, 8 a.m.

CLYDE RIVER—Thursday, 10 a.m.; cargo, 8 a.m.

BATEMAN'S BAY—Thursday, 10 a.m.; cargo, 8 a.m.

MORUYA—Friday, 11 p.m.

MERIMBULA—Wednesday, 10 a.m.; cargo, 8 a.m. Saturday, noon; cargo, 11 a.m.

TATHRA, for Bega—Wednesday, 10 a.m.; cargo, 8 a.m. Saturday, noon; cargo, 11.

EDEN—Wednesday, 10 a.m.; cargo, 8 a.m. Saturday, noon; cargo, 11.

BERMAGUI—Saturday, at noon. Passengers only.

ILLAWARRA S. N. COMPANY.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS.

CABIN TICKETS at a SINGLE FARE for the DOUBLE JOURNEY will be issued by this Company, available between Sydney and the undermentioned ports, viz.:—

WOLLONGONG, KIAMA, and SHOALHAVEN, from MONDAY, 21st December, to TUESDAY, 5th January; ULLADULLA, CLYDE, BATEMAN'S BAY, and MORUYA, from FRIDAY, 18th December, to TUESDAY, 19th January; MERIMBULA, TATHRA, and EDEN, from SATURDAY, 19th December, to WEDNESDAY, 13th January. All the above dates inclusive.

Passengers are Victualled free of charge.

BELLINGER RIVER, VIA PORT MACQUARIE.

S.S. FERNMOUNT, THIS (THURSDAY) NIGHT, at 10.

JOHN SEE and CO., 129, Sussex-street.

GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER.

S.S. HELEN NICOLL will leave Market Wharf, Market-street, SATURDAY NIGHT, at 9.

S.S. AUSTRALIAN, TUESDAY NIGHT, at 9.

TO PASSENGERS.

The accommodation of these steamers is excellent. Being victualled by the owners, passengers will find every comfort.

Return tickets available by either steamer.

Horse boxes provided if required.

JOHN SEE and CO., 129, Sussex-street.

PORT MACQUARIE.

S.S. MURRAY, MONDAY, at 4 p.m.

Cargo received up to 3 p.m.

JOHN SEE and CO., 129, Sussex-street.

MANNING RIVER.

S.S. ROSEDALE, MONDAY, at 6 p.m., from Market Wharf, Market-street.

Cargo received till 5 p.m.

JOHN SEE and CO., 129, Sussex-street.

JOHN SEE and CO.'S LINE OF STEAMERS.

EXCURSION FARES.

SALOON RETURN TICKETS will be issued from the 15th December, 1885, to 15th January, 1886, inclusive, at the following rates:—

MANNING RIVER ... £2 return
PORT MACQUARIE ... £2 return
BELLINGER RIVER ... £3 return.

Available for one month from date of issue.

Tickets obtainable at

JOHN SEE and CO.'S, 129, Sussex-street.

MACLEAY RIVER.

S.S. CORAKI, THIS NIGHT, at 9.

The steamers of this Company sail for Macleay River every two or three days.

FARES and FREIGHTS at lowest rates.

RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

C. and R. R. S. N. Company, Clarence Wharf, 3, Sussex-street North.

RICHMOND RIVER.

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICE.

S.S. TOMKI, having crossed the bar, will be despatched SATURDAY NIGHT, at 7.

Superior accommodation for passengers. Ladies' Cabin on deck.

RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

C. and R. R. S. N. Company, 3, Sussex-street North.

GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER.

S.S. CITY OF GRAFTON, DIRECT, TUESDAY NIGHT, at 9.

Superior accommodation for passengers.

Return tickets available by any of the Company's steamers at any port.

RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

C. and R. R. S. N. Company, Clarence Wharf, 3, Sussex-street North.

STEAMSHIP TWEED, for Tweed River, SATURDAY, at 7 p.m. Cargo received. G. W. Nicoll, Victoria Wharf.

FOR PEAT'S FERRY.—The fast and commodious steamship MARRAMARRA leaves Patent Slip Wharf at 9.30 a.m. Cargo received all day. Freights payable in Sydney.

MELVEY and FORD.

GOSFORD, BRISBANE WATER.

STEAM BETWEEN SYDNEY AND GOSFORD.

The S.S. CHARLOTTE FENWICK leaves Patent Slip Wharf at 8.30 a.m., and No. 2 Jetty, Circular Quay, at 9 a.m. daily, leaving Gosford on the return trip at 2 p.m., giving passengers about 2 hours in Gosford, and landing them in Sydney at about 5 p.m.

SPECIAL TRIPS on SUNDAYS at excursion rates, leaving Patent Slip Wharf at 8.30 a.m., calling at Darling-street, Balmain, and No. 2 Jetty, Circular Quay, at 9 a.m.

The superior accommodation and sea-going qualities of the above steamer, as well as the speed and regularity of her trips, offer special inducements to passengers.

LYALL SCOTT, Patent Slip Wharf.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

At the request of a number of passengers, the CHARLOTTE FENWICK will leave the Patent Slip Wharf, at 11 o'clock, on THURSDAY NIGHT, for GOSFORD, leaving Gosford on Christmas morning at 8.30, arriving in Sydney at 12.

LYALL SCOTT, Patent Slip Wharf.

GOSFORD, BRISBANE WATER.

Steamers DEFIANCE and PROMISE leave Sydney, King-street Wharf—Defiance, 8.30 a.m.; Promise, 1.30 p.m.. No. 4 Jetty—9 a.m., 2 p.m.

Leave Gosford—Promise, 8.30 a.m.; Defiance, 2 p.m.

REDUCED FARES:
Cabin, 3s single, 4s 6d return; Steerage, 2s single, 3s return.
Return tickets available either steamers.

N.B.—The Defiance is fast, and has a commodious deck cabin, and steward and stewardess are carried.

The Promise is well known as a fast boat, and, being of light draught, may be relied upon (as is the Defiance) for the regularity of her trips.

The Albatross (the fastest boat yet employed in the Sydney and Gosford trade), having arrived, and now receiving a thorough overhaul, will shortly resume her running on the line.

Note.—These steamers are the only ones running at REDUCED FARES.

J. H. AMORA, Manager.

King-street, December 19, 1885.

BROKEN BAY AND BRISBANE WATER.

SPECIAL EXCURSION STEAMER

Will leave No. 4 Jetty, at 8 p.m., on THURSDAY NEXT, 24th instant, conveying Excursionists, Boating Parties, Boats, &c., landing same at Barrenjoey, Brisbane Water and Gosford.

Early application is necessary to secure place, as room is rapidly filling up.

DAILY TRIPS will be run to Gosford during the holidays from King-street Wharf, at 8.30; No. 4 Jetty, at 9 a.m.; and from Gosford at 2 p.m.

To ensure comfort and prevent overcrowding, the fare will be 5s single, 7s 6d return, available till 1st proximo.

For further particulars apply to

J. H. AMORA, Manager.

King-street Wharf, December 23, 1885.

MANLY BEACH, the most beautiful Watering-place near Sydney.

Saloon Steamers BRIGHTON, FAIRLIGHT, and EMU (weather permitting, and as far as practicable).

Leave Sydney 7.15, 8*, 9, 10.15, 11.30, 12.30, 2.15, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.15, 7.30, 11.15.

Leaving Manly 7.15, 8.10, 8.45, 10, 12, 2, 3, 4.30, 5.15, 6, 7, 10.

(*Mondays only.)

In consequence of Government alterations at the wharf, Woolloomooloo, no steamers will call there until further notice.

Special time table for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Return fares, 1s 6d; children, 1s; Dogs, 6d; return, 9d.

Freight must be delivered at the wharf 15 minutes before the departure of the steamer, and not later than 3.15 p.m.

No freight received on Saturdays after 10 a.m.

Loose hay and straw cannot be shipped.

TO WATSON'S BAY.

BOXING DAY, 26th December, 1885.

The favourite steamers PRINCE OF WALES and AGENORIA will leave the Floating Jetty, foot of Phillip-street, Circular Quay, every hour during the day, calling at Woolloomooloo Bay.

WM. WATERHOUSE.

(For continuation of Shipping Advertisements, and Personal Notices, and Property Lost and Found, see page 16.)

FARMER AND COMPANY.

VICTORIA HOUSE,
PITT-STREET, Nos. 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231.
MARKET-STREET, Nos. 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80.
GEORGE-STREET, No. 450.
Post Office, Box 497. Telephone, 72.
Cable, Ferocity. London, 48, Aldermanbury, E.C.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

Our ESTABLISHMENTS will be CLOSED FRIDAY, December 25, SATURDAY, December 26

AND OPENED MONDAY, December 28, TUESDAY, December 29, WEDNESDAY, December 30, THURSDAY, December 31.

CLOSED ON FRIDAY, January 1, 1886, SATURDAY, January 2

AND OPENED MONDAY, January 4, and forward days.

FARMER and COMPANY.

WASHING MATERIALS AT LESS THAN HALF PRICE

ZEPHYR BROCHES, ZEPHYR MUSLINS, EMBROIDERED ZEPHYRS
ZEPHYR BROCHES, 9½d PER YARD
ZEPHYR MUSLINS, 10½d PER YARD
EMBROIDERED ZEPHYRS, 10½d PER YARD
TUFTED ZEPHYRS, 1s 3d and 1s 4½d PER YARD.

N.B.—These goods, without doubt, are of the most startling value ever offered to the Sydney public, and in directing special attention to them we venture to affirm that within a few days our magnificent assortment must be cleared at the ridiculously low prices now asked.

To secure these special bargains, our patrons will do well to call as early as possible.

SPECIAL SHOW THIS DAY, 7th, in this DEPARTMENT
SPLENDID SHOW also of our FAMOUS 4½d PRINTS.

MANTLES.

For this Department too much cannot be said, for its attractions this season are far beyond what they have ever yet been in the past. The styles of garments submitted are bon ton, but their attractiveness need not repel, as the prices are simply astonishingly low. We have already done an immense business in this department for this season, but every mail brings with it some novelties which command a speedy clearance.

FOR 45s.—We note a pretty Mantilla in gaze perlee, Trimmed Lace, and Jet Ornaments.

FROM 75s to 94s 6d.—We are showing a splendid range of Garments suited for the season and this fair city.

FOR 50s.—The new Canvas Cloth Mantle, which has already been inquired for.

We note, also, the Cashmere Frise, in mantles and mantillas, rich in appearance, stylish, and cheap.

DUST MANTLES.—These Garments are most useful. No lady should be without them. We are showing them in Beige, in all the leading colours and best shapes. Nicely-trimmed ribbon, velvet, and self-coloured ruche, 16s 6d, 21s, 25s, 35s, 37s 6d, 42s.

DUST MANTLES in Washing Silks, plain and fancy, 37s 6d to 75s.

FARMER and COMPANY

MAIDS' ALPACA LUSTRE Four-in-hand, 5s 6d.

MILLINERY.

We have pleasure in directing attention to some charming novelties; ex the latest mails, from Paris and London. The prices of many charming bonnets place them within the reach of any buyer, and we unhesitatingly assert that more beautiful goods were never before offered at anything like our prices in Sydney.

TASTEFULLY TRIMMED BONNETS, 15s 6d
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Lovely specimens of millinery in higher qualities.

BEAUTIFULLY TRIMMED HATS, 6s 6d
BEAUTIFULLY TRIMMED HATS, 6s 6d.

Higher qualities equally reasonable in price.

Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets in white, black, and mixed straw in every possible variety of shape, make, and quality.

SUMMER SERGES.

Farmer's Athenian Serge, 48 inches wide, 3s 6d per yard
Farmer's Foule Serge, 24 inches wide, 1s 6d per yard
Farmer's famous West of England worsted Serges, for
Travelling Dresses
Bathing Dresses
Riding Habits
Boys' Wear
School Wear
Hard Wear.

Prices, 1s 3d, 1s 6d, 2s, 2s 6d per yard, 50 inches wide.

A special parcel of Fancy Mohairs, only 8½d per yard; really wonderful value.

FARMER and COMPANY.

COSTUMES.

FOR 12s 6d we can supply a nice washing Costume in print. Our following numbers are 15s 6d, 18s 6d, 21s, and 25s. These dresses are of exceptional value, and remarkably stylish in patterns.

FROM 37s 6d to 84s.—We are showing beautiful garments in white embroidered cambric and mull muslin, seasonable, stylish, and certain to command sale. Useful and ornamental.

FROM 2½ to 4 GUINEAS.—We are submitting a beautifully fine texture in summer material. A dress for any lady; in appearance, stylish and most ladylike.

FROM 3 to 4 GUINEAS will purchase a pretty dress in printed delaine. New in design, really choice, trimmed lace and velvet.

FOR 2 GUINEAS a very pretty costume for young lady, in fine tennis serge, trimmed various coloured braid, can be bought.

FANCY FOULARDS.—In this material we are showing some choice garments, prettily trimmed with lace.

FOUR CASES, now being opened, of Black Grenadine and Silk Costumes, well deserving the attention of buyers.

CASHMERE, SILK, and NEW CANVAS Costumes in the most modern styles.

VERY SPECIAL.—We would still direct attention to our BROCHE SILK COSTUMES at 6 GUINEAS, allowed to be the grandest value ever yet offered in Sydney.

EVENING DRESSES, in Nun's Veiling, and very light texture Cashmeres; trimmed, plain, and fancy Ottoman Silk; Material for Body, made to fit and complete, 75s.

FARMER and COMPANY.

FARMER'S DUST MANTLES, 15s 6d to 27s 6d.

LADIES' CORSETS.

Art steps in where nature fails. Corsets in every reliable shape. Steel-back, 5s 6d; Acme, Thomson's Glove-fitting, French, Izod's Figure Regulator, Nursing and Riding Corsets
Girls' and young ladies' Corsets in all sizes
Chest Expanders, Shoulder Straps
Accouchement Belts, &c., &c.

FARMER'S NEW DRESS MATERIALS.

The New Etamene Canvas, 48 inches wide, 2s per yard
Panama Canvas
Bayonnaise Wool Canvas
The New Canvas for Travelling Dresses
New Wool Broche Canvas
Velours Faconne, Malange
Lainage Ris, Narron, Debora
New and choice Dress Fabrics
French Veiling in every possible colour, 12d, 15d, 18d yard
Fine Heather Beiges and Carmelites, 10½d, 13½d, 15d yard.

SUMMER CASHMERES.

New and choice Colourings for present wear, 2s 6d, 3s 6d yard
Printed Veilings, Printed Delaines
Pretty Delaines for children's wear.

NOVELTIES IN ROBES UNMADE.

Canvas Robes, with Heraldic Trimmings
Canvas Robes, with Wool Lace Trimmings
Canvas Robes, with Handsome Braid Trimmings
Canvas Robes, with Guipure Trimmings
Panama Robe, with Stripe Trimmings
Cassimir Robe, with Chenille Spot Trimmings
Embroidered Wool Zephyr Robes in lovely shades
Lawn Tennis Embroidered Robes, 30s, 37s 6d
Summer Serge, with New Stripe Border, 30s
Heather Foule, with New Stripe Border, 37s 6d
Boston Uni, with pretty embroideries, 30s 6d
Fine Veiling Robes, in various embroideries, from 50s
Elegant Star Broidered Bordered Robe, 67s 6d
Etamene Robe, with lace flouncing, 63s
Half Mourning Robes in great variety
Embroidered Cashmere Robes. FARMER and COMPANY.

FANCY DEPARTMENT.

OPENING OF NEW ROOM
OPENING OF NEW ROOM.

It has been found necessary to give INCREASED SPACE for this particular department, and we have therefore added a new and spacious apartment for the show of our new Fancy Goods.

We invite our patrons to pay a visit of inspection to our NEW ROOM.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON always brings a marked increase of business in knick-knacks, and for this we have made special effort in the opening of

OUR NEW ROOM.

To speak of all and everything which we have this week been opening would occupy too much space; but for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,
NEW YEAR'S GIFTS,
or
BIRTHDAY PRESENTS,

we were never so well prepared.

The following list may serve to show what may be found amongst the immense assortment:—

Dressing Bags, all sizes
Dressing Cases, all sizes
Fitted Russia Leather Handbag
Handbags in Plush,
Seal, and Leather, all sizes.
Companions
Work Baskets
Picnic Baskets
Lunch Baskets
Palm Reticules
Palm Portmanteaus
Workboxes, in Wood and Plush
Jewel Cases, in Plush and Leather
Handkerchief Boxes, in Plush and Leather.
Writing Desks, in Wood and Leather
Writing Cases, for travelling
Fancy Inkstands
Fancy Mirrors, with
Perfume Bottles, fitted
For Toilette Tables.
Photograph Frames,
Single and Double, in plush,
Folding Photograph Cases,
Suited for Travellers.
Photograph Albums, in Carte, Cabinet, and Promenade,
Photo. Albums, on stands
Purses, in Leather, Seal, and Tortoiseshell
Ladies' Card Cases
Gentlemen's Card Cases
Cigar Cases
Cigarette Cases
Cigarette and Card Cases Combined
Fans, all sizes
Dolls, Dressed and Undressed
Christmas Cards, &c.

CHILDREN'S DUST MANTLES, all sizes, 5s 6d.

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL.
Under the direction of Messrs.
WILLIAMSON, GARNER, and MUSGROVE.

Lessee ... Mr. S. Lazar. Treasurer ... Geo. L. Goodman.
Musical Director ... ... Mr. W. H. Harrison.
Stage Manager ... ... Mr. John Wallace.

THIS (Thursday) EVENING,
the
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WILLIAMSON, GARNER, and MUSGROVE'S
ROYAL
COMIC OPERA COMPANY
in the
SUCCESS
OF SUCCESSES,
Gilbert and Sullivan's Japanese Opera,
THE MIKADO
THE MIKADO
THE MIKADO.

PREPARATIONS ON A GIGANTIC SCALE
are in progress for our
ROYAL ANNUAL PANTOMIME,
which will this year exceed all previous efforts.

CINDERELLA,
on
BOXING (SATURDAY) NIGHT NEXT.

Full particulars in To-morrow's papers.

Admission: Dress circle, 5s; stalls, 3s; family circle, 2s.
Tickets for all parts of the house at Eastway's Hotel. Box plan open at the Theatre daily from 10 till 5.
NO FREE LIST.

MADAME WOODYEAR'S ELECTRIC CIRCUS
and
GREAT LONDON EQUESQUIRICLUM.

Fame's Tented Temple of Modern Circus Wonders.

Grown too immense to over advertise.

STUPENDOUS MUSEUMS OF HUMAN MYSTERIES.

A GIGANTIC SHOW OF STERLING WORTH.

A COMPANY,
THIRTY IN NUMBER,
of
MALE AND FEMALE ARTISTS,
selected from the
FIVE CONTINENTS.

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A. E. MARSDEN,
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GRAND FAMILY EXCURSION.

BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26, 1885.

The favourite ocean-going Steamer
ADMIRAL
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This will give passengers a good opportunity of landing at the proposed site of the railway bridge; also give ample time to view the beautiful scenery of the Hawkesbury River.
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BOXING DAY.

The magnificent Screw Steamships
TOMKI
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will leave Clarence and Richmond River S. N. Company's (Grafton) Wharf, Sussex-street North,
SATURDAY, 26th December, at
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Fare: Return, 4s; children under 12, half price.

Luncheon and Refreshments may be had on board at moderate prices.
Passengers are landed at Newport, and the steamers will leave for return at 3.30 and 4.30 p.m.
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RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.
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GRAND OCEAN EXCURSION.

BOXING DAY,
26th December, 1885.

The splendid Paddle Steamer
MURRAY
will leave Market Wharf, foot of Market-street,
on
SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER,
at 10 a.m.

FARE: Return, 4s; children under 12, half-price.

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BOXING DAY.

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A 400-TON OCEAN STEAMER
will convey intending purchasers to the Land Sale of Erina Township Lots on BOXING DAY, leaving Sydney at 9 a.m. prompt. To prevent overcrowding and keep party select, a nominal charge will be made of 2s 6d return, including luncheon, adults only.

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AMUSEMENTS FOR ALL.—Quoits, Swings, Swingboats, Greasy Pole, Merry-go-rounds.
Dancing in the New Pavilion, Admission, 1s.
Imperial Brass Band, 16 performers.
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TO-MORROW, CHRISTMAS NIGHT } ORCHESTRA OF 25
GRAND SACRED CONCERT. } MUSICIANS.
Conductor ... ... Herr GUSTAV KUSTER.
The programme will be found in another column.

BOXING NIGHT, Saturday, December 26,
First production in this colony of the Comedy-drama, in a prologue and three acts,
by
H. J. Byron, Esq.,
BAFFLED,
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The box plan for any of the above nights, can be seen, and seats secured, at Nicholson and Co.'s Music Warehouse, George-street.

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DECEMBER 25, 1885.

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A PICKED ORCHESTRA OF 25 PERFORMERS.
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Vocalists: Miss FRANCES SAVILLE, Miss E. LAMBERT, Mr. KNIGHT ASTON, Mr. THOMAS GILPIN, Mr. CLANCY.
Elocutionist: Mr. HENRY TEECE. Accompanist: Miss HERBERT. Conductor, Herr GUSTAV KUSTER.

SACRED CONCERT.

PROGRAMME.
Part I.
1. Overture—"Nabucodnosor" ... ... Verdi
ORCHESTRA.
2. Song—"The Lost Chord" ... ... Sullivan
Mr. THOMAS GILPIN.
3. Song—"Resignation" ... ... Lindsay
Miss E. LAMBERT.
4. Trombone Solo—Cavatina ... ... Richard
Mr. J. PARKES
(The instrument, which has just arrived, was expressly made for Mr. Parkes by Riviere and Hawks, London).
5. Song—"Cujus Animam" ... ... Rossini
Mr. KNIGHT ASTON.
6. Recitation ... ... Byron
Mr. HENRY TEECE.
7. Song—"Tantum Ergo" ... ... Paccini
Mr. CLANCY.
8. Sacred Selection ... ...
ORCHESTRA.
INTERVAL OF FIVE MINUTES.
PART II.
9. Selection ... ...
ORCHESTRA.
10. Song—"It is Enough" (Elijah) ... Mendelssohn
Mr. THOMAS GILPIN
(with cello obligato by Mr. F. Quin.)
11. Song—"Adoramus" ... ... Ravina
Miss FRANCES SAVILLE.
12. Song—"Loving Smile of Sister Kind" ... Gounod
Mr. CLANCY.
13. Duett—"The Moon has Raised" ... ... Benedict
Mr. KNIGHT ASTON and Mr. THOMAS GILPIN.
14. Grand March ... ... Küster
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Doors open at 7.30. Concert to commence at 8 o'clock. Carriages for 10.15.

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Grand Programme for Opening Night.
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CONVEYING PASSENGERS TO AND
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A GRAND TEMPERANCE PICNIC.
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BOXING DAY, Saturday, 26th December, 1885, and
MONDAY, 28th December.

The Young Australian Band.

The favourite Steamers IOLANTHE, MERMAID, PSYCHE, and ESTRELLA will start from No. 3 jetty, Circular Quay, Sydney, every 10 minutes.
Adults 1s 6d, children 9d. W. NICHOLSON.

PROTESTANT HALL.
CHRISTMAS TREE, in aid of the funds of the German Lutheran Evangelical Church, Sydney, on CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, the 25th December, 1885.
A Choir will give selections of music during the evening.
Admission—Adults, one shilling; children, sixpence.
Tickets can be obtained at the residence of the Rev. G. Schenk, 304, Victoria-street; and at Messrs. Sippel Brothers, tobacconists, 520, George-street.
Doors open at 6.30 p.m., to commence at 7 p.m.
Prize tickets (one shilling each) can be had in the Hall when the doors are open.
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TO-NIGHT, TO-NIGHT, TO-NIGHT,
the Alhambra Variety and Speciality Union
in their Refined Entertainment.

LAST NIGHT OF THE PRESENT PROGRAMME.

On FRIDAY NIGHT NEXT (Christmas Night)
a GRAND SACRED and INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT
will be given.
For programme see Thursday's paper.

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New Scenery. New Dresses. New Music.
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CONCERT.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT, DECEMBER 25, 1885.

The following
TALENTED ARTISTES
will appear on this occasion, when the following
CHOICE and SELECT PROGRAMME
will be rendered,
under the conductorship of
Mr. CHAS. AUSTIN:—

1. Overture—"Cujus Animmam" ... ... Orchestra
2. Chorus—"Angelus" ... ... Company
3. Song (sacred)—"O, Salutaris" ... ... Mr. Behn Henrix
4. Song—"Little Hero" ... ... Miss Millie Herbert
5. Selections—"Half-hours with Great Masters" ... ... Neillson Family
6. Song (sacred)—"Ave Maria," La Remita ... ... Mr. H. Barrington
7. Song (sacred)—"Athens" ... ... Miss Lucy Fraser
8. Song—"Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" ... ... Mr. J. Matlock
9. Song—"Gates of the West" ... ... Miss Amy Rowe
10. Selections—"Christmas Bells" ... ... Neillson Family
11. Duet—"Home to our Mountains" ... { Mr. Behn Henrix and Miss Amy Rowe
12. Song—"Close to the Threshold" ... Mr. H. Barrington
13. Quartette—"Unto us a Child is Born" { Miss Millie Herbert, Messrs. Matlock, Ryan, Henrix
14. Song—"Happy Dreamland" ... ... Mr. H. Clay
15. "Only a Pansy Blossom" ... ... Miss Lucy Fraser
16. Song—"Justorum Animmam" ... ... Mr. W. Ryan.

SITTINGS AS USUAL.

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GRAND SACRED AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

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4. Song—"Little Hero" ... ... Miss Millie Herbert
5. Selections (sacred)—"Half hours with great Masters" ... ... Neillson Family
6. Song—"Slave Ship" ... ... Mr. H. Barrington
7. Song—"Athens" ... ... Miss Lucy Fraser
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15. Song—"Only a Pansy Blossom" ... ... Miss Lucy Fraser
16. Song—"Justorum Anima" ... ... Mr. W. Ryan

N.B.—Tram fares to and from Botany, 6d each way. Trams leave immediately after the entertainment.

Ladies and gentlemen will kindly retain their seats until termination of performance.

The Entertainment will commence at 3.30 p.m., and terminate at 5 o'clock punctually.

Director ... ... Mr. FRANK SMITH.

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SIR JOSEPH BANKS PAVILION
and
PLEASURE GARDENS.

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BOXING DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1885,
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on a specially laid platform, where all the latest dance music of the day will be played by the
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Dancing in the finest Pavilion in the Australian Colonies.

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under the leadership of Chas. Austin.

SIX EFFICIENT M's.C., viz.,
Gam. Walsh, Signor Ranchero, Geo. Hunt, M. Dooley, E. Seymour, and Professor Lawson.

At 2 o'clock, a
GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT
will be given at the Sir Joseph Banks Theatre, when several well known artists will appear.
MINIATURE TRAM will run all the day. Free, Free, Free.

No two gentlemen will be allowed to dance together. No two ladies will be allowed to dance together. N.B.—This rule will be rigidly enforced, so necessary for the good order and comfort of the dancers. Any person creating a disturbance of any kind will be immediately expelled, and handed over to the police.

Admission to the whole: Adults, 2s; children, 1s; no second charge. Trams and 'buses to and from the gates every 20 minutes until 6 p.m.

TENNYSON. TENNYSON.

BOXING DAY. BOXING DAY.

CARRINGTON BAND,
for Dancing in the large and commodious Pavilion.

Messrs. Eccles and Co. (late of City Catering Company)
will provide
LUNCHEON and REFRESHMENTS
at Sydney prices.

Tennyson Handicap, 150 yards—First prize, £2; second, £1.
Boxing Day Handicap, 200 yards—First prize, £3; second, £1.
Cricket, Quoits, &c.
Foot racing for children. 100 Prizes.

The following Steamers will ply,
EVERY HALF HOUR,
from
Floating Jetty, Phillip-street:—
KATE, GEEBUNG, SURPRISE, and NELLIE.

Return Steamer fare, including admission to grounds and pavilion, 2s.
H. A. MAGNEY, Secretary.
N.B.—Entrances for footracing will be received at 161, William-street, up to Thursday, 24th instant.

BOXING DAY, BOXING DAY,

AND ALSO MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

GRAND PICNIC.

FERN BAY. FERN BAY. FERN BAY.
The favourite and most select resort on the harbour.

String band of eight performers.
Steamers at short intervals from No. 4 Jetty, Circular Quay.

FARE, TWO SHILLINGS, INCLUDING ADMISSION.
CUNNINGHAM, Manager.

GRAND TEMPERANCE and FAMILY PICNIC,
to the AVENUE RECREATION GROUNDS of the
Lane Cove River,
on BOXING DAY, SATURDAY, 26th inst.,
and NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The PYRMONT BAND in the Pavilion.

Temperance Refreshments and Luncheon at moderate rates.
Swings, Quoits, Cricket, and other sports.

Steamers every half hour from Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street.
Return fare, including admission to grounds: Adults, 1s; Children, 6d.
Admission to the Pavilion 1s 6d extra.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
The best place to spend your HOLIDAYS is on
THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.
Arrangements will be made for the reception of those passengers who care to make a few days of it at
HOTELS and FARMHOUSES.
The Excursions will run by fast and favourite S.S. ALBATROSS, and other suitable steamers will run as follows:—
CHRISTMAS DAY, from No. 4 Jetty, at 8 a.m.
BOXING DAY (if sufficient inducement offers).
MONDAY, 28th December, from No. 4 Jetty, at 8 a.m.
NEW YEAR'S DAY, from No. 4 Jetty, at 8 a.m.
Returning to town by rail from Windsor each day.
Passengers at their own option can complete the journey in one day or STAY OVER from any one to any other.
FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP, 30s.
Book early, as the accommodation is limited, at the
TOURIST BUREAU, 51, Market-street.

FISH RIVER CAVES.
We are now Booking for the
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
Apply at once (ladies especially), as the accommodation will be allotted according to the order of application.
The TOURIST BUREAU, 51, Market-street.
Call and see our Scenic Christmas Cards.
Our CAVE Christmas Card is quite a NOVELTY.

NOTICE.—The Port Hacking Coach will meet the 2.35 train from Sydney TO-DAY.

FOR NOTHING.—Dozen CHRISTMAS CARDS for nothing to everyone who buys a CHRISTMAS PRESENT at FULLER'S, 385 and 387, George-street, To-day.
Ask for them.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

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Sole Proprietor and Manager ... F. E. HISCOCKS.
TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.
CHRISTMAS EVE.
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
The return home of the favourites and ever-popular
HISCOCKS' FEDERAL MINSTRELS,
and Speciality Union,
with new faces, new acts, new songs, and more novelties.
PROGRAMME FOR THIS EVENING.
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Bones { W. Horace Bent. / Alf. Moynham. Tambos { W. B. Warner / Sam. Keenan
Interlocutor: W. A. Ball.
Overture—"Xmastime" ... ... Federals
Song—"First in the Field" ... ... J. S. Porter
Comic—"The Man with the Sealskin Pants" ... Sam Keenan
Ballad—"A Light in the Window" ... ... Beaumont Read
Comic—"Uncle Mick" ... ... W. B. Warner
Song—"I'll Await my Love" ... ... E. Amery
Comic—"The Giddy Old Owl" ... ... W. Horace Bent
Ballad—"Golden Love" ... ...
Finale—DER DEUTICHER JUBILEE CONCERT.
Herr Schultzbach (solo pianist) ... ... W. Horace Bent
Herr Stomachache (solo trombone) ... ... Sam Keenan
Herr Teufflesdroch (solo ophicleide) ... ... W. A. Ball
Herr Leiberworst (solo violin) ... ... Alf. Moynham
Horn Quartette ... Messrs. Braham, Read, Amery, and Porter
Madame Swartz (soprano) ... ... G. Turner
Maestro D'Orchestra ... ... N. La Feuillade.
"Grand March Campaigne"—N. La Feuillade and Orchestra.
OLIO.
Double Quartette—"Tar's Song" ... ... Hatton
Messrs. Braham, Read, Amery, Smythe, Porter, Turner, Ball, and Dunbar.
KEENAN and MOYNHAM,
in their
PLANTATION PASTIMES.
Comic Sketch,
YOU DON'T SAY SO.
Jasper Singleton ... ... W. Horace Bent
Leonard Lonely ... ... W. A. Ball
E. C. DUNBAR,
The Milanese Minstrel and Italian Piffero, in New Specialities.
W. B. WARNER,
The Australian Comique, in New Specialties.
Concluding with the entirely new Farce,
A DESPERATE SITUATION.
Felix Frano (from the country) ... ... W. Horace Bent
Caroline ... ... Sam Keenan
Hopper (Caroline's Intended) ... ... W. A. Ball
The Household Pet ... ... Alf. Moynham
Peter Tanglehair ... ... J. S. Porter
Widow Fisher ... ... G. Turner
SATURDAY NEXT, BOXING NIGHT, DECEMBER 26.
GRAND HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.
BLACK PANTOMIME,
HARLEQUIN.
BLACK "HIDE" SUSAN and her PLAIN BILL.
ADMISSION.—Orchestra Chairs (strictly select) 4s, Stalls 2s, Parquette 2s, Balcony 1s.
Box Plan at Nicholson's Music Warehouse, George-street, where seats can be secured six days in advance. Carriages at 10.15. The whole under the personal supervision of Mr. F. E. Hiscocks.

BOXING DAY.

CORREY'S GARDENS, CABARITA,
PARRAMATTA RIVER.

PLEASURE SEEKERS
are reminded that
SPECIAL STEAMERS
start from
KING-STREET WHARF
as follows:—
10 o'clock, with 10 performers of YOUNG AUSTRALIAN BAND,
and
EVERY HALF HOUR THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

DANCING under two efficient M's.C.

LUNCHEON AS USUAL,
and
ICE CREAMS.

T. CORREY,
Proprietor.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S GROUNDS.

BOXING DAY, December 26.
GRAND CARNIVAL of ATHLETIC SPORTS.
£100 GIVEN AWAY IN PRIZES.
RUNNING, JUMPING, WALKING, WRESTLING,
Tug-of War, Single Stick, Throwing Cricket Ball.
HANDICAP FOOT RACES, all distances.
Notice to Competitors.—Entries close To-night for all Handicaps at 10 o'clock, at Sydney Club House, 255, Pitt-street.
N.B.—Entrance Fees to all contests are reduced to 1s.
Handicaps will appear in Saturday's papers.
Gates open Boxing Day at 10 a.m.
Admission to Ground.—Adults, 1s; children, 6d.
T. WALTON, Secretary.
T. KING, Manager.

EXCURSION TO MANLY BEACH.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Saloon steamers
BRIGHTON
FAIRLIGHT
EMU
will leave
Circular Quay, No. 1 Jetty,
10.30, 11, 2.30, 3, 3.30, 5.45,
Manly, 9, 12, 12.30, 2, 5, 5.15, 5.30.

Fare—Return Ticket, 1s 6d; Children, 1s.

EXCURSION TO MANLY BEACH.

BOXING DAY.

UNRIVALLED ATTRACTION.

CHEAP AMUSEMENTS
for
THE MILLION.

FAMILY PICNIC GROUNDS.

SALOON STEAMERS.

COMFORT, SAFETY,
and
NO OVERCROWDING.

GERMAN BAND ENGAGED.

The fast and favourite Steamers
BRIGHTON
FAIRLIGHT
EMU
PORT JACKSON
will leave
No. 1 JETTY, CIRCULAR QUAY,
at 7.15 a.m., 9.30 a.m.,
and
EVERY HALF-HOUR to 2.30 p.m.

Early trip from Manly at 8.10 a.m.
Latest trips from Manly at 6 and 8 p.m.; from Sydney, 6 and 11.15 p.m.
FARE—Return ticket, 1s 6d; children, 1s.

CHOWDER BAY. CHOWDER BAY.

BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26, 1885.
IMMENSE ATTRACTION.
Under the management of a large and influential Committee.
The BEST PLACE to SPEND THE HOLIDAY.

Chowder Bay being the most distinguished place of Pleasure Resort, will be found unequalled on all the foreshores of Sydney Harbour. Its Shady Bowers, Beautiful Walks, Mountain Scenery, Fortifications, Serpentine Sea Beach, Virgin Groves, and Extensive Lawns, make this charming and historic spot the principal spot for visitors to spend the Boxing Day.
DANCING in Thompson's Port Jackson Pavilion, the largest and most elaborate pavilion in the Australian colonies. Admission 2s. Under the management of six efficient M.C's., viz., T. Dunlop, C. Kelly, G. O'Loughlan, J. Strettles, W. Parratt, and J. Bedford. The rules of the pavilion must be strictly adhered to.
THREE FIRST-CLASS BRASS BANDS ENGAGED,
including the favourite Balmain Alliance Band.
NATIONAL MUSICIANS ENGAGED,
for Reels and Jigs, Step Dancing in the new and spacious Step Dancing Pavilion, open free of charge, and under the able supervision of Mr. D. Dore, champion step dancer of New South Wales.
To add to the day's attraction at Chowder Bay, the Committee have secured, at
great expense,
THE LILIPUTIAN VARIETY COMPANY,
which will appear for the first time in the Australian colonies in their most novel and interesting Entertainment of Music and Mirth, which must be seen to be appreciated.
In addition to the Variety Company,
CASTLES and SON
(late of Wilson's Circus), in their celebrated
DRAWING-ROOM REVELS,
together with
PROFESSOR BECKFORD, the world-renowned Ventriloquist
(from the Crystal Palace, London),
will also appear with his Funny Little Folks, making fun and laughter for the audience.
The whole of this gigantic entertainment will be the best ever performed in one day in the southern hemisphere.
All sports and entertainments on the ground,
FREE. FREE. FREE.
AMUSEMENTS FOR OLD AND YOUNG,
including a Punch and Judy Show, Merry-go-round, Swings, and Football, free of charge.
LUNCHEON provided on the Ground, 2s.
Hot and Cold Water Free.
N.B.—To prevent overcrowding, the Committee have secured the steamers Bunna Bunna, Balmain, Meteor, Mary, Annie, and others, to leave the floating jetty, Circular Quay, from 8 a.m., and will ply till 8 p.m. Cheap fares—Adults' return tickets, 1s 6d; children, 1s. No hawkers or gamblers allowed.

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and
NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

L. MOSS and CO. INVITE COUNTRY CUSTOMERS and the PUBLIC in GENERAL to INSPECT the SUPERIOR STOCK of FIRST-CLASS INSTRUMENTS from the FOLLOWING WELL-KNOWN MAKERS:—
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Address—29, Botany-street, Surry Hills.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS at the Royal Furnishing Arcade, This Evening. Campbell Brothers, 436, George-st.

THE OLYMPIC THEATRE,
York-street.
Lessee and Manager ... ... Mr. M. L. Raphael.
SPECIAL NOTICE.—This Theatre will be CLOSED TO-NIGHT and following evenings in consequence of the great preparations and alterations necessary for the production of the Drury Lane GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME on BOXING NIGHT, SATURDAY, December 26, MOTHER GOOSE and the Enchanted Beauty, which will be produced with great splendour.
The box plan is now open at Nicholson and Co.'s, 325, George-street.
H. TREVORAH, Business Manager.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager ... Mr. M. L. Raphael.

BOXING NIGHT, SATURDAY, December 26,
elaborate production on a scale of unsurpassed splendour of the Drury Lane Grand Christmas Pantomime,
MOTHER GOOSE
and the Enchanted Beauty.

10 MECHANICAL CHANGES 10.
Magnificent Costly Costumes.
A Brilliant Array of Handsome Ladies.
New and Novel Limelight Effects.
Imposing Stage Pictures.
GRAND MARCHES.
GRAND TRANSFORMATION SCENE,
THE WORLD OF LOVE
and
HARLEQUINADE.

Further particulars in Saturday's issue.
Prices of Admission—Stalls, 5s; parquette, 2s; gallery, 1s.
Reserved seats at Nicholson's, 325, George-street, 4s.
H. TREVORAH, Business Manager.

TO LET, a few ADVERTISING SPACES
in the
OLYMPIC PANTOMIME
DROP SCENE.

Address H. TREVORAH, Olympic Theatre, York-street.

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THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO INSPECT
the interesting
ZOOLOGICAL, BOTANICAL, and MINERALOGICAL
COLLECTIONS
made by the
EXPLORATORY EXPEDITION
sent by the Geographical Society of Australasia to New Guinea, and recently returned from that most interesting country.

The collections are on view in the old rooms of the
FINE ARTS GALLERY.

The Rooms will be formally OPENED to the public
at NOON TO-DAY, by
SIR EDWARD STRICKLAND, K.C.B.,
President of the Geographical Society.

In order to cover a portion of the expenses, a fee of
ONE SHILLING
will be charged for admission.

NEW GUINEA EXPEDITION.

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Collected by the Geographical Society's Expedition.

OLD ART GALLERY, DOMAIN,
THURSDAY (THIS DAY),
at 12 o'clock.

OPENING CEREMONY will be performed
by
SIR EDWARD STRICKLAND, K.C.B., F.R.G.S.,
J. H. MAIDEN } Hon.
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BOXING DAY.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

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MIDSUMMER MEETING,

Patron:
HIS EXCELLENCY the RIGHT HONORABLE BARON CARRINGTON, G.C.M.G.

Under the management of the Committee of the A. J. C.

The MIDSUMMER MEETING
of the
AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB
will be held
at
RANDWICK
on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1885.

PROGRAMME.
The HURDLE RACE—to start at 12.30 p.m.
The DECEMBER STAKES—to start at 1.15 p.m.

Luncheon.

The SUMMER CUP—to start at 2.30 p.m.
The SELLING PLATE—to start at 3.15 p.m.
The CHRISTMAS GIFT—to start at 4 p.m.
The TWO-YEAR-OLD PLATE—to start at 4.30 p.m.
The A. J. C. HANDICAP—to start at 5.15 p.m.

TICKETS for TWO LADIES will be forwarded to each MEMBER.

Professional Trainers can obtain tickets for themselves and their jockeys until 4 p.m. on Thursday, 24th instant.

All persons driving to the course are particularly requested to obey the orders of the Transit Commissioners with regard to the disposal of their vehicles.
ANY HORSE or HORSES FOUND LOOSE WILL BE IMPOUNDED, and the OWNER CHARGED £1 STERLING PER HORSE before they are released.
The NEW OFFICIAL STAND WILL BE OPENED TO MEMBERS of the CLUB FREE for BOXING DAY.
All HANSOM CABS and VANS, having been driven into the Grounds, and the passengers delivered, must be placed and KEPT at the station provided for them, and the HORSES tied up in the horse-paddocks. NOTE.—THIS REGULATION WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.
NO RACEHORSES, except those engaged in the races of the day, will be allowed in the SADDLING PADDOCK.
PASSENGERS by TRAMWAY will please note that a separate Ticket Office and Entrance to the Saddling Paddock has been placed at the CORNER next the COURSE. By using it the crush at the entrance for passengers by vehicle will be avoided.

Persons desirous of purchasing Tickets in town for the Saddling Paddock can obtain same from GIBBS, SHALLARD, and CO., Pitt-street.
T. S. CLIBBORN,
Secretary A. J. C.

RANDWICK RACES.—BOXING DAY.
THE COMPAGNONI CATERING COMPANY, limited,
Pitt-street.

A first-class LUNCH will be provided in the Grand Stand, and the bars will be replete with the best brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, Cigars, &c.
MEMBERS requiring tables for Luncheon in the Grand Stand Reserve will please leave orders with the Company at Pitt-street for same on Friday, the day previous to the races.
J. D. YON, Manager.

ROSEHILL RACES.
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MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY, PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE FIFTH MEETING
of
THE ROSEHILL RACING CLUB
will be held on
MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

The BAND of the N. S. W. ARTILLERY (by kind permission of Colonel Roberts and Officers) will PERFORM on the LAWN.

First Race.—The Hurdle Race—Two miles. To start at 1 p.m.
LUNCHEON.
Second Race.—The Selling Plate—Six furlongs. To start at 2 p.m.
Third Race.—The Two-year-old Handicap—Five furlongs. To start at 2.40 p.m.
Fourth Race.—The Stewards' Cup—One mile and a furlong. To start at 3.20 p.m.
Fifth Race.—The Exchange Plate—One mile. To start at 4 p.m.
Sixth Race.—The Welter Handicap—One mile and quarter. To start at 4.40 p.m.

SPECIAL TRAINS
will leave Redfern station for Granville at
10.55 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 11.50 a.m., 12 noon, and return immediately after last race.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR RACEHORSES
will leave Sydney at 9.50 a.m.

STEAMERS
will leave foot of King-street, every half hour from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Steamers leaving at the half-hour will go direct.
SPECIAL TRAMS to meet Steamers.

Professional Trainers and Jockeys can obtain Tickets by applying at the Offices of the Club up to 4 p.m. on THURSDAY, 24th instant.
SADDLING PADDOCK TICKETS can be obtained at Tattersall's Hotel and John Sands'.
GEO. W. S. ROWE,
Secretary.

SYDNEY DRIVING PARK CLUB.

THIRD MEETING, 9th JANUARY, 1886.

3 MINUTE CLASS.
Purse of 20 sovs. (harness only), with a sweep of 1 sov. each from starters. Open to all horses having no better record than 3 minutes. Mile heats. Entrance, £1 1s.

PONY TROT.
Purse of 15 sovs. (harness only), with a sweepstake of 1 sov. each from starters. For ponies 13½ hands and under. One event, 1½ mile. Entrance, £1 1s.

PONY HURDLE RACE.
Purse of 10 sovs., with a sweepstake of 20s from each starter. For Ponies 13½ hands and under; over twelve hurdles 3ft. high; distance, one mile and a half. Entrance, £1 1s.

2 MIN. 45 SEC. CLASS.
Purse of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never trotted in better than 2 min. 45 sec. Mile heats. Entrance, £1 1s.

Entries must be in the hand of the Secretary before 4 o'clock on MONDAY, 28th December.

All persons entering horses for any of the above races must be members of the S. D. P. Club.

All races under the Sydney Driving Park Club rules.

F. WEBSTER, Secretary,
Tattersall's-buildings,
Hunter-street, Sydney.

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Amusements.

SOUDAN ENCAMPMENT.
THE OPENING CEREMONIAL WAS GRACED by the DISTINGUISHED PRESENCE of His Eminence CARDINAL MORAN, The Most Rev. ARCHBISHOPS and BISHOPS, REVEREND FATHERS, and DISTINGUISHED LAITY, including THE HON. W. BEDE DALLEY.
At the Concert given on the brilliant occasion THE MAGNIFICENT GRAND PIANOFORTE and The PERFECTION SMITH ORGAN used were from the warehouse of BRUCE and MASSEY, 197, Pitt-street, whose instruments are the only ones performed upon at all concerts and recitals during ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN.

SOUDAN ENCAMPMENT.
EXHIBITION BUILDING.
TO-DAY TO-DAY TO-DAY.
Doors open from 2 till 5, and from 7 till 10.30.
"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all."
CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS EVE.
Come to-night to this great world's fair, and purchase your Christmas presents.
The prices are low, the choice of selection large, and, in addition, the Committee offer the following attractions:—
WILSON BROS., the astounding double Trapeze Artists.
PROFESSOR J. WILSON, the Invisible Wire Walker.
PROFESSOR GLEESON'S Punch and Judy.
THE MIKADO MINSTRELS.
Also, RICHARDSON'S SHOW.
NEW PROGRAMME TO-NIGHT.
BRAGANZIO, THE BRIGAND; or THE SCORNFUL VILLAIN AND THE BEAUTIFUL MAIDEN.
The unprecedented CASTE is taken in Plaster of Paris from the original Statue at the top of King-street.
The COSTUMES are from Aboriginal Designs obtained by means of recent in-VEST-igations in New Guinea.
The whole of the Magnificent Machinery and Appliances used in the Siege of Khartoum, and "THE MAHDI" has been engaged, regardless of expense, to keep the piece (going).
DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.
Count Roderigo Piffleceski ... Mr. WILSON BARRETT
"A titled villain, much given to flattery, Who's thought to murder, and well known to Slattery."
Gaffer Goggles, the oldest inhabitant, fed exclusively on Eccles' pastry and Ponder's tea ... Mr. WM. CRESWICK
Braganzio the Brigand, alias Joseph Walker, C.M.G., a mysterious orphan foundling ... Mr. HENRY IRVING
"His father's hope, his mother's joy, This little blue-haired orphan boy."
Bettina the Boot-i-full ... THE JERSEY LILY
"A little lily, all forlorn, Who milked the cow with the crumpled horn."
Noblemen, Ginger Beer, Robbers, Sponge Cakes, Bravos, Cheers, &c., &c.
The admission to everything is only ONE SHILLING. ONE SHILLING. ONE SHILLING. ONE SHILLING.
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BOXING DAY. BOXING DAY.
EXHIBITION BUILDING, Prince Alfred Park.
ST. VINCENT'S SOUDAN ENCAMPMENT.
SPORTS SPORTS PROGRAMME, Commencing 11 o'clock a.m., Last event, 5.30.
1st Event.—Youths under 16, 100 yards. 1st prize, value 21s; 2nd, value 10s 6d. Entrance, 1s
2nd Event, starts 11.15.—Maiden Race, 100 yards. 1st prize, value £2 2s; 2nd, value £1 1s. Entrance, 2s
3rd Event, starts 11.45.—St. Vincent's Grand Open Handicap, to be run in divisions. 1st prize, £7; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1. Entrance, 5s
4th Event, starts at 12.—Youths under 14, 100 yards. 1st prize, value 15s; 2nd, value 7s 6d. Entrance, 1s
5th Event, starts at 12.15.—Jingling Match, time 10 minutes. Prize, £1 1s. Entrance, 1s.
6th Event, starts at 12.30.—Hop, Step, and Jump. 1st prize, value £1 1s; 2nd, value 10s 6d. Entrance, 1s.
7th Event, starts at 12.45.—Second Division of Open Handicap.
8th Event.—Three Jumps. 1st prize, £1 1s; 2nd, 10s 6d. Entrance, 1s.
9th Event, starts at 1.30.—Irish Jig, in Character. 1st prize, £2 2s; 2nd, £1 1s. Entrance, 1s.
10th, starts at 2.—Third Division of Open Handicap.
11th, starts at 2.15.—Highland Fling, in costume. 1st prize, £2 2s; 2nd, £1 1s. Entrance, 1s.
12th, starts at 2.45.—Go-as-you-please quarter hour. 1st prize, value £3 3s; 2nd, value £1 10s. Entrance, 2s.
13th, starts at 3.15.—Sailors' Hornpipe. 1st prize, £2 2s; 2nd, £1 1s. Entrance, 1s.
14th, starts at 3.30.—Final Heat Open Handicap.
15th, starts at 4.—Old Buffers' Race, 100 yards, over 45. 1st prize, value £2 2s; 2nd, value £1 1s. Entrance, 1s.
16th, starts at 4.15.—Sword Dance. 1st prize, £2 2s; 2nd, £1 1s. Entrance, 1s.
17th, starts at 4.45.—Siamese Race. 1st prizes, value £1 1s each; 2nd, value 10s 6d each. Entrance, 1s.
18th, starts at 5.15.—Competitors find sacks. Sack Race. 1st prize, value £1 1s; 2nd, value 10s 6d. Entrance 1s.
Open Handicap, to be run in costume. Decision of Judges to be final.
Races for children arranged on the grounds.
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DRAMATIC NOTICE.—Students of the Dramatic Academy will resume on WEDNESDAY, 6th January, their private lessons and general rehearsals. Applications for membership addressed Proteus, Box 712, G. P. O.

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Government Notices.

Department of Railways, 8th December, 1885.
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS, 1885-1886.
EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued at all stations to all stations for distances over 15 miles, commencing with the mail trains leaving Sydney, Albury, Hay, and Bourke, on FRIDAY, the 11th DECEMBER, 1885, and terminating on Friday, 1st January; available for distances not exceeding 40 miles, until Thursday, 7th January, 1886; and for distances over 40 miles, until Saturday, 30th January, 1886.
For distances not exceeding 15 miles, similar tickets will be issued on the 24th, 25th, 26th, and 28th December, and on the 1st January, available for return for two days from date of issue.
Excursion tickets, available for return for two months, will also be issued from the 15th December, 1885, to 5th January, 1886, inclusive, between Sydney and Melbourne, at the undermentioned rates:—
1st class ... £5 6s 6d 2nd class ... £4 1s.
These tickets will not be available by express trains, and passengers wishing to travel on either journey by express trains must pay the full difference between the ordinary and the reduced rates.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.
SOUTHERN LINE.
THURSDAY, 24th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO GOULBURN.
Sydney, dep., 2.15 p.m., 7.0 p.m.
Goulburn, arr., 8.10 p.m., 1.30 a.m.
GOULBURN TO SYDNEY.
Goulburn, dep., 5.10 p.m.
Sydney, arr., 10.35 p.m.
BUNGENDORE TO GOULBURN AND BACK.

Bungendore, dep.	8.50 a.m.	Goulburn, dep.	4.0 p.m.
Goulburn, arr.	10.45 a.m.	Bungendore, arr.	6.15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO MOSS VALE AND BACK.

Sydney, dep.	8.30 a.m.	Moss Vale, dep.	4.15 p.m.
Moss Vale, arr.	12.30 p.m.	Sydney, arr.	8.12 p.m.

GOULBURN TO SYDNEY.

Goulburn, dep.	1.55 a.m.	Sydney, arr.	7.45 a.m.

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO GOULBURN AND BACK.

Sydney, dep.	8.30 a.m.	Goulburn, dep.	5.10 p.m.
Goulburn, arr.	2.30 p.m.	Sydney, arr.	10.35 p.m.

GOULBURN TO BUNGENDORE AND BACK.

	a.m., p.m.		a.m., p.m.
Goulburn, dep.	9.50 7.30	Bungendore, dep.	7.15 5.0
Bungendore, arr.	11.15 8.15	Goulburn, arr.	9.0 6.45

SUNDAY, 27th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO GOULBURN, JUNEE, AND ALBURY.

Sydney, dep.	9.0 p.m.	Junee, dep.	9.48 a.m.
Goulburn, dep.	2.55 a.m.	Albury, arr.	1.15 p.m.

MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO MOSS VALE AND BACK.

Sydney, dep.	8.30 a.m.	Moss Vale, dep.	4.15 p.m.
Moss Vale, arr.	12.30 p.m.	Sydney, arr.	8.12 p.m.

The Excursion Train timed to leave Goulburn for Sydney at 5.15 a.m on Mondays will NOT run on Monday, the 28th, but will run on Tuesday, the 29th December, instead.
The 1.55 p.m. train (Southern Excursion) from Sydney to Picton, and the 5.45 p.m. train from Picton to Sydney, will not run on Saturday, 26th December.

WESTERN LINE.
THURSDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 1885.

Sydney, dep.	2.0 p.m.	Bathurst, arr.	10.0 p.m.

SYDNEY TO ORANGE.

Sydney, dep.	7.25 p.m.	Orange, arr.	5.0 a.m.

SYDNEY TO PENRITH and RICHMOND.

Sydney, dep.	11.25 p.m.	Penrith, arr.	1.15 a.m.

Richmond, arr., 1.45 a.m.
RICHMOND and PENRITH TO SYDNEY.

Richmond, dep.	10.0 p.m.	Penrith, dep.	10.30 p.m.

Sydney, arr., 12.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, 25th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO BOWENFELS AND BACK.

Sydney, dep.	7.0 a.m.	Bowenfels, dep.	3.10 p.m.
Bowenfels, arr.	1.0 p.m.	Sydney, arr.	8.55 p.m.

RICHMOND TO SYDNEY.

Richmond, dep.	6.40 p.m.	Sydney, arr.	8.58 p.m.

BATHURST TO ORANGE AND BACK.

Bathurst, dep.	9.15 a.m.	Orange, dep.	6.5 p.m.
Orange, arr.	11.40 a.m.	Bathurst, arr.	8.18 p.m.

PENRITH TO ESK BANK.

Penrith, dep.	2.5 p.m.	Eskbank, arr.	7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO BOWENFELS AND BACK.

Sydney, dep.	7.0 a.m.	Bowenfels, dep.	3.10 p.m.
Bowenfels, arr.	1.0 p.m.	Sydney, arr.	8.52 p.m.

BATHURST TO ORANGE AND MOLONG AND BACK.

Bathurst, dep.	9.15 a.m.	Molong, dep.	5.0 p.m.
Orange, dep.	11.50 a.m.	Orange, dep.	6.5 p.m.
Molong, arr.	12.50 p.m.	Bathurst, arr.	8.18 p.m.

PENRITH TO ESK BANK.

Penrith, dep.	2.5 p.m.	Esk Bank, arr.	7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, 27th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO BATHURST AND ORANGE.

Sydney, dep.	8.0 p.m.	Bathurst, dep.	3.40 a.m.

Orange, arr., 5.50 a.m.

MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER.
SYDNEY TO BOWENFELS AND BACK.

Sydney, dep.	7.0 a.m.	Bowenfels, dep.	3.10 p.m.
Bowenfels, arr.	1.0 p.m.	Sydney, arr.	8.55 p.m.

PENRITH TO ESK BANK.

Penrith, dep.	2.5 p.m.	Esk Bank, arr.	7.30 p.m.

The Excursion Train timed to leave Bathurst for Sydney at 4.5 a.m. on Mondays will NOT run on Monday, the 28th, but will run on TUESDAY, the 29th December, instead.
The 1.45 p.m. train (Western Excursion) from Sydney to Lawson, and the 1.52 p.m. train Sydney to Penrith and Richmond, will NOT run on Saturday, 26th December.
FOR TIMES OF DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM INTERMEDIATE STATIONS, PLEASE APPLY TO STATION-MASTERS.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 23rd December, 1885.
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.
TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBURBAN AND ILLAWARRA LINES.
SUBURBAN LINE.
CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th December.
On Christmas Day, certain Suburban Trains will not run, particulars of which may be obtained on application to the local station masters.
BOXING DAY and NEW YEAR'S DAY.
Special Trains will run throughout these days as the traffic may require. Between the hours of 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. the ordinary time table will be cancelled, and trains will run to and from Sydney at intervals of about 10 minutes.
MONDAY, 28th December.
Specials will run as required, but the 11.30 a.m. train from Sydney to Homebush will be cancelled, and also the trains due in Sydney between 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
ILLAWARRA LINE.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
The following trains are cancelled:—4.35 a.m. Sydney to Kogarah, and 5.10 a.m. Kogarah to Sydney.
BOXING DAY and NEW YEAR'S DAY.
The ordinary time-table for these days is cancelled, and a Special table has been issued, copies of which may be seen at the various stations.
MONDAY, 28th December.
In addition to the Ordinary trains the following Specials will leave Sydney for Hurstville:—8.40 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 11.35 a.m., 11.55 a.m., 2.25 p.m., 3.10 p.m., and 4 p.m., returning from Hurstville as required.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
ROSEHILL RACES.
MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1885.
On the above date Special Through Trains will run as follows:—
Leave Sydney at 10.55 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 11.30 a.m. 11.40 a.m., 11.50 a.m., and 12 noon, and return from Granville immediately after the last race.
A special train for the conveyance of racehorses will leave Sydney at 8.30 a.m.
Fares for the Return Journey: First Class, 2s; Second Class, 1s 3d.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
LIVERPOOL RACES.
30th DECEMBER, 1885.
On the 30th December a Special Train will leave Sydney for Liverpool at 11.25 a.m., returning from Liverpool at 5.5 p.m.
Fares for the Return Journey: First Class, 4s; Second Class, 2s.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railway.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 23rd December, 1885.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the MIXED TRAIN which has run from Blacktown to Richmond in connection with the Western mail train from Sydney during the last few weeks will CEASE to run on and after the 2nd January, 1886.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.
GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.
CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th DECEMBER, 1885.
NOTICE is hereby given that on the above day Trams will be run up to 1.0 p.m. as per time tables for Sundays, after that hour the usual week-day running will be carried out.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.
GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.
RANDWICK RACES.
26th DECEMBER, 1885, and 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1886.
NOTICE is hereby given that all Trams will start from Bent-street, excepting the Tram, for which SPECIAL TICKETS are issued.
Temporary Ticket Office will be opened in Bent-street.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.
GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.
SPECIAL FARE TO THE RANDWICK RACES.
26th DECEMBER, 1885, and 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1886.
On the abovementioned dates the fare by special trams to the Randwick Racecourse, for the whole or any portion of the distance, will be ONE SHILLING, either cash or ticket.
Special attention is drawn to the fact that on the above dates the Randwick and Coogee Trams will NOT stop at the Racecourse Platform between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on either the UP or DOWN journey.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.
GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.
RANDWICK RACES, 26th DECEMBER, 1885, and 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1886.
TWO SPECIAL TRAMS, suitable for private parties and ladies, will leave Bridge-street at 11.30 a.m. on the 26th DECEMBER, 1885, and at 12 noon on the 1st JANUARY, 1886, for the Racecourse direct; timed to arrive for the first race, and will await the finish of the last.
ONE SPECIAL TRAM will run on the 2nd JANUARY NEXT, leaving Bridge-street at 12 noon.
Provision will be made for smoking.
Passengers are requested to enter the Cars from the Platform, Phillip-street terminus.
Return tickets 3s 6d each, may be obtained at the ticket office, Bridge-street terminus.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 17th December, 1885.
CLOSING OF THE GOODS WAREHOUSES AT SYDNEY AND DARLING HARBOUR, and of the CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE, GEORGE-STREET, on CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th DECEMBER, BOXING DAY, 26th DECEMBER, and MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1885, and NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1st JANUARY, 1886.
The GOODS WAREHOUSES at Sydney and Darling Harbour will NOT be OPEN for the receipt and delivery of goods on the above dates, but arrangements will be made for the delivery of perishables, at Darling Harbour up till 10 a.m. each day.
The CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE, in George-street, will be CLOSED on CHRISTMAS DAY, but will be OPEN for the despatch of business on BOXING DAY (26th), and MONDAY, 28th December, 1885, and on NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1886, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. only.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Instruction, Sydney, December 19, 1885.
TENDERS FOR ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.
TENDERS are invited for Alterations and Improvements to the Fort-street Training School.
Plans and specifications may be seen, and Forms of Tender obtained, at the office of the Department of Public Instruction, Sydney.
Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Alterations and Improvements, Fort-street Training School," must be lodged with the Under-Secretary, Department of Public Instruction, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. on MONDAY, the 4th January, 1886.
The Minister does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.
W. J. TRICKETT.

General Post Office, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.
ATTENTION is directed to a Gazette notice inviting TENDERS up to the 30th instant for the Conveyance of Mails between Narrabri and Moree.
Attention is also directed to Gazette notices inviting TENDERS for the following services:—
1. Supply of Telegraph and Telephone Material.
2. Erection of Telegraph Line from Silverton to South Australian border.
3. Premises for Post and Telegraph Office, Bendemeer.
4. Site for Post and Telegraph Office, Hamilton.
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS:
5. Between Welbon and Goondiwindi.
6. Between Colly Blue and Yarraman.
Tenders, which will be received up to the 6th proximo, must be addressed to the Secretary to the Post Office, Sydney.
JOHN SEE.

Roads and Bridges Department. Sydney, 18th December, 1885.
TENDERS will be received at this Office until 11 o'clock on TUESDAY, the 29th December, from persons willing to contract for construction of new roadway, Miller-street, Pyrmont, to Abbatoir Bridge.
Tenders to be addressed to Chief Clerk, Roads Department, where specification, &c., may be seen.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY NEXT, the 25th, 26th, and 28th DECEMBER, being public holidays, the following arrangements will be observed in the MAIL BRANCH of the GENERAL POST OFFICE.
The various offices of that Branch will be open from 9 till 10 a.m. only, and the Morning Delivery only will be effected by letter carriers.
The Country Mails, usually despatched in the afternoon and evening, also the coastwise, intercolonial, and foreign mails, will close at 9 a.m.
The Iron Pillar Receivers, and Receivers at Suburban Post-offices, will only be cleared at the first usual hour on those days.
General Post Office, Sydney, 24th December, 1885.

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS and TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAYS.
TOURISTS' SEASON TICKETS.
FIRST-CLASS available over the Government and Main Line Railways for TWO MONTHS from date of issue, can be obtained any week day on payment of SIX POUNDS at the Office of the Government Railways at Launceston, Latrobe, and Formby, and on the Main Line Railway at Hobart and Launceston, also at the Offices of the Tasmanian Steam Navigation Company, and of W. Howard Smith and Sons, Melbourne and Sydney.
These Tickets will be issued until the 1st March, but will not be available after the 31st March, 1886.

Business Announcements.

THE Partnership hitherto carried on by the undersigned under the designation of J. D. GRANT and CO., Hotel Brokers, &c., 113, Elizabeth-street, has, this 23rd day of December, 1885, been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. J. D. Grant receiving and paying all debts due to or by the said firm.
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JAS. L. LOBAN.
Witness: JOSEPH LIPMAN.

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APARTMENTS and superior Board gentlemen, single or double rooms. 14, Rosebank-street, near William-st.
APARTMENTS, furnished, North Shore, near reserve, to LET, 2 large front balcony rooms. Reserve, Herald.
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APARTMENTS and SUITE vacant. Frankfort House, 56, Bridge-street.
APARTMENTS vacant. Mrs. F. M. Smith, 163, Macquarie-street.
AT CLIFTON HOUSE, 98, Hunter-street.—Comfortable double room vacant.
AT Durham House, 120, Palmer-street, 6 doors below William-street.—Vacancies, ladies and gentlemen.
AT ESTHERVILLE, 48, Young-street, opposite Australian Club.—Vacancies for visitors, residents.
AT SUTHERLAND HOUSE, 36, Wynyard-square, VACANCY for one gentleman, single room.
AT Victoria House, a VACANCY for married couple or two friends; every comfort. 149, Phillip-street.
AT VICTORIA HOUSE, 30, Wynyard-square.—Apartments for lady and gentleman or 2 gentlemen; mod.
AT 26, Wynyard-square, VACANCIES for two Gentlemen; terms moderate.
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BOARD and RESIDENCE, single rooms, bath; terms moderate; near Albion-st. 294, Riley-street, Surry Hills.
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FURNISHED Balcony ROOM to LET, suit married couple, with use kitchen. 140, Campbell-street, S. Hills.
FURNISHED ROOM, lady or gentleman; piano, use kitchen. 18, Napier-street, near Moore Park.
FURNISHED APARTMENTS vacant, suit married couple or friends; use of kitchen. 73, William-street.
FURNISHED Balcony ROOM to LET; use kitchen. Apply 370, Riley-street, Surry Hills.
FURNISHED or Unfurnished front ROOM; use of kitchen. 434, Bourke-street, Surry Hills.
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MRS. GOLDSTEIN'S Original SYDNEY and MELBOURNE COFFEE PALACE, 231, George-street North (mark the number).—Superior Dinner, 1s. Supper till 12 p.m. Excellent Beds; Baths; Piano; Night Porter.
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FURNISHED HOUSE to LET, in the locality of Glebe Point, containing 5 rooms, kitchen, laundry, &c., 45s. E. RAMSAY, House Agent, 71, Sydney Arcade.
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HOUSE to LET, 6, Charles-terrace, Denison-street, Waverley. 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, washhouse, folding doors, venetian blinds, all conveniences; key next door.
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MANLY.—To LET, in January, a well-furnished HOUSE, new piano, 8 rooms, kitchen, pantry, &c., 6 minutes from boat, near baths, good view of bay, rent moderate. Marion Villa, Brightside, Manly; or 147, Lower George-street.
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O'CONNELL-STREET.—2 OFFICES, ground floor, Marlborough-chambers. Apply Norton and Co., solicitors.
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1 room, 19ft. 3in. x 18ft.
1 room, 18ft. x 14ft. 7in.
1 room, 18ft. 2in. x 14ft. 7in.
1 room, 11ft. 6in. x 9ft.
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TO LET, first-class SHOP and Dwelling, opposite Post-office, Waverley. Key next door.
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TO LET, a 3-roomed HOUSE. Apply 125, Bourke-street.
TO LET, YARD, 8s. Apply Mr. Pullin, grocer, corner of Goulburn and Castlereagh streets.
TO LET, HOUSE, 7 rooms, copper, back entrance, 21s. Apply W. Cary, Railway Bridge.
TO LET, HOUSE, 4 rooms, kitchen, balcony, 15s, Surry Hills. Apply Phillips, 105, Fitzroy-street, M. P.
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TO LET, newly furnished HOUSE; bath, piano. 2, Wyatt's-terrace, Underwood-street, Paddington.
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To LET, STORE and COTTAGE, at Laurence, Clarence River; good business stand; excellent opening for energetic man. For terms, &c., apply to Clarence and R. R. S. N. Company, 3, Sussex-street North.
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OUR MAIL LETTER,

PER

ORIENT CO.'S STEAMER CHIMBORAZO.

SYDNEY, DECEMBER 23.

Political matters, after a season of unusual unrest and disturbance, have resulted in the resignation of the Dibbs Ministry, and the formation of a new Government under the Premiership of Sir John Robertson, in their place. When our last mail letter was written we stated that the Legislative Assembly had adjourned until the following Friday, on which date Mr. Dibbs, Premier and Colonial Treasurer, had undertaken to make his financial statement. When the House met on that day there was but a comparatively small attendance of hon. members, and it was observed that the majority of them sat on the Opposition side of the House. It was, in fact, pretty well known by that time that there was no chance of the Government having a working majority, and their fall was looked upon as certain. Mr. Dibbs's Budget speech occupied just two and a-half hours in its delivery, but a large portion of it was taken up with a defence of himself against various charges that had been made in the want of confidence debate, and which he had had no other opportunity to answer. He dwelt at great length upon his action in regard to the Bank of New South Wales, and his having removed the Government banking account from that institution to the associated banks, and he defended his conduct in regard to the Agent-General and the recent loans. Mr. Dibbs then went on to speak of the serious depression, caused by the low prices and the drought, with the consequent result of a failure to realise his estimates of revenue. Whilst he had expected to get from the lands in 1885 the sum of £2,523,700, the actual receipts, and the amount expected during the remainder of the year, would only reach £1,944,213, leaving a short receipt of £579,587. Instead of receiving £2,750,000 as estimated from the railways and tramways, he now only expected £2,485,869, showing a deficiency of £264,131; the total short revenue from land and railways being £843,718. But from some other sources of income there was a slight increase (on Customs and Excise, £22,687) reducing the deficiency to £824,442. His original estimate gave a surplus of £210,000 with which to commence the year; but this had been reduced by supplementary estimates and changes in the account to £87,070. The estimated receipts to 31st December amounted to £7,660,808, and gave as available for 1885 £7,747,878. The expenditure had been £8,020,575, the sum of £449,279 not having been required. But to this had to be added the amount voted under the Military Contingent Act, £150,000; further Supplementary Estimates for 1885, £629,167; special appropriations, £750—making £779,917, and increasing the actual liabilities for 1885 to £8,800,492, leaving a deficiency of £1,052,614. This deficiency was attributed to a short receipt of land income and railway revenue and extra necessary expenditure. It was not intended to propose additional taxation, but to cover the short receipts by the issue, as the money is required, of Treasury bills, extending over a period of three years from 1st January next. For 1886, he estimated a revenue of £8,850,450, or £784,642 in excess of that of 1885, and including £2,048,700 from Customs and Excise, an increase over 1885 of £146,813. The estimates of expenditure for 1886 would require a sum of £8,655,834, leaving an estimated credit balance of £243,111 available in liquidation of claims of 1885. After Mr. Dibbs had concluded, the House adjourned until the following Tuesday, when the debate was resumed by Sir John Robertson, whose remarks went rather towards condemning the Government for their land policy than for their management of financial matters. Mr. Dibbs replied to the speech of the leader of the Opposition, after which there was an evident desire on the part of the Opposition to divide, and an equally evident disinclination on the part of the Government to bring the matter to an issue. After a desultory kind of discussion, Mr. Slattery, the Minister of Justice, got up and palpably spoke against time, until about 11 o'clock, when an adjournment took place. When the House met on Wednesday, Mr. Dibbs announced that seeing no chance of having a working majority he and his colleagues had placed their resignations in the hands of his Excellency the Governor, and that he had advised his Excellency to send for Sir John Robertson to form a new Administration. From that time until yesterday speculation had been rife as to what would be the result; but Sir John Robertson set resolutely about his task, and succeeded in forming a Government, the members of which were yesterday sworn in. The new Cabinet is as follows:—Sir John Robertson, Colonial Secretary and Premier; Mr. J. F. Burns, Colonial Treasurer; Mr. Gerald Spring, Secretary for Lands; Mr. Jacob Garrard, Secretary for Public Works; Mr. J. H. Young, Minister of Public Instruction; Mr. L. F. Heydon, Minister of Justice; Mr. R. M. Vaughn, Minister of Mines; Mr. D. O'Connor, Postmaster-General; and Mr. G. B. Simpson, Attorney-General, with a seat in the Upper House. When the motion was moved for declaring vacant the seat of Sir John Robertson, Mr. Abbott, the late Secretary for Lands, moved an amendment, to be added to the motion, to the effect that the House disapproved of several of the new appointments; and in his speech he very severely criticised the character and the ability of the new Ministers. A debate at some length ensued, but not one single speaker advocated the amendment at all strongly, and it was eventually negatived without division. After the seats of the Ministers had been declared vacant, the House adjourned until January 27.

His Excellency the Governor, the Right Hon. Baron Carrington, G.C.M.G., the Hon. Lady Carrington, family, and suite, arrived in Sydney by the P. and O. Company's steamship Carthage early in the morning of Friday, December 11. The Hon. G. R. Dibbs, Premier and Colonial Treasurer, accompanied by Mr. Critchett Walker, Principal Under-Secretary, Captain Hixson, President of the Marine Board, and Mr. Weir, the local agent for the P. and O. Company, in the steam yacht Nea, met the Carthage two miles outside the Heads, and when the steamer had entered the west channel, and had passed the shoal patches which exist in that part of the harbour, the Nea ran alongside, and the party boarded the Carthage. There was a very pretty aquatic demonstration on the part of the yachts of the Sydney Yacht Squadron, which met the steamer below Garden Island, and accompanied her to her moorings. Immediately after the Carthage had been moored to the buoy, the vice-regal party left the steamer in the Nea, which conveyed them to the landing-place near Fort Macquarie, whence they walked to Government House. The official landing of the Governor took place on the afternoon of Saturday, December 12. His Excellency, accompanied by the Hon. Lady Carrington and the Hon. Miss Harbord, with Captain Gascoigne, A.D.C.; Mr. E. D. Wallington, private secretary; and Messrs. W. Terry and Leigh, extra aides-de-camp, embarked at about half-past 2 o'clock on board the steam launch Nea, on which they were received by Captain Hixson, R.N., President of the Marine Board. The Nea took the party down the harbour as far as Double Bay, and on returning his Excellency was saluted from H.M.S. Opal, and from the batteries on shore. The Prince's Stairs were reached at about 20 minutes past 3 o'clock, where the members of the Ministry, the Mayor and aldermen, members of both Houses of Parliament, the Primate (Dr. Barry), and several leading citizens were waiting to receive the vice-regal party. Immediately they landed an address was presented by the Mayor to Lord Carrington, who, having read a reply, was introduced to the gentlemen present. Carriages were waiting, and a procession was formed to Government House. The Circular Quay, and the ships alongside, and the whole of the route through which the procession passed, were crowded with spectators, all of whom joined heartily in cheers by way of welcome to his Excellency. At Government House the usual oaths were administered by the Chief Justice (Sir James Martin), and at the call of the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Alfred Stephen) cheers were given for the Queen, the Governor, Lady Carrington, and the Chief Justice; and three cheers were given for Sir Alfred Stephen also. Subsequently the Volunteer firemen presented an address to the Governor, and received a suitable reply. Lord Carrington held his first official levee at Government House on Monday, December 14. It was a most brilliant affair. Long before the time appointed for the levee to take place—3 o'clock—the carriage-ways leading to the vice-regal mansion and the streets in the vicinity of Government House gates, were lined with carriages and cabs. A detachment of 100 men from the Permanent Artillery, under the command of Captain Baynes and Lieutenants Le Patourel and Morris, was drawn up in front of the main entrance, and the band attached to the Artillery was stationed on the lawn, and played a number of musical selections during the time the reception was taking place. The assemblage was a very large and distinguished one, and embraced representatives from almost every profession in Sydney. His Excellency has since distributed the prizes at the Sydney Grammar School, and has attended several public demonstrations.

The steamer Governor Blackall, having on board the body of the late Major-General Sir Peter Scratchley, arrived in the harbour between 9 and 10 o'clock on Thursday, December 10, with her ensign flying at half-mast. As the vessel was entering the Heads a salute of 17 minute-guns was fired from the batteries at South Head and Middle Head, and on the vessel rounding Bradley's Head H.M.S. Opal and H.M.C.S. Wolverene each fired a salute of 17 guns. The Governor Blackall came to an anchorage off Garden Island, and all the flags of the various ships were lowered to half-mast. During the forenoon several relatives of the deceased General boarded the vessel, and afterwards Captain Brooke and the officers commanding the various warships in the harbour paid a visit of respect to the remains. In the afternoon the Premier, the Colonial Secretary, the various officers of the local defence forces, and others visited the steamer, and at sunset a salute of 17 minute-guns was fired from the battery at Dawes Point. The Governor Blackall resumed her voyage to Melbourne on Thursday night. The remains of the late Sir Peter Scratchley were interred in the St. Kilda Cemetery, near Melbourne, on the following Wednesday, with every mark of respect that could be paid to the memory of the deceased officer. The grave is near that of the late Colonel Anderson, that site having been chosen in accordance with the wish of Lady Scratchley. The coffin lies in a small vault, and the last flowers placed upon it were some beautiful wreaths brought by Lady Scratchley and her daughters. It is probable that ultimately the body will be conveyed to England.

A picnic was tendered on Saturday to Mr. Donald Manson, late manager of the American Waltham Watch Company, on the occasion of his leaving this colony for America. Between 50 and 60 gentlemen sat down to an excellent repast in one of the pavilions at Clontarf, Mr. G. W. Griffin (the United States Consul) occupying the chair, and the Hon. G. R. Dibbs the vice-chair.

A number of college commemorations, prize distributions, and other educational gatherings, which usually precede the Christmas season, have taken place recently. The foundation-stone of St. Ignatius' new College at Riverview was laid on Tuesday, December 15, by Cardinal Moran in the presence of a large concourse of people. The building, which will have an elevation of four stories, with two frontages of 350 feet each, will be constructed entirely of stone, and is in the Italian style. The cost of the structure will be £50,000. The foundation-stone has also been laid of a new school at Surry Hills, which is to be erected in connection with St. Aloysius' College, S. J.

An ordination service was held in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday morning, at which the Primate ordained as deacons—Mr. George Soo Hoo Ten, the Chinese catechist who has been labouring in the Chinese mission in Sydney, and who is to be appointed to take charge of the Chinese Church at Botany; Mr. Charles James Cooper, M.A., curate of St. James' Church; and Mr. Henry Tate, of Moore College, Liverpool. The missionary barque John Williams, having made a very pleasant and successful voyage to all the out stations of the Samoan mission, returned to Apia after an absence of 79 days. All were well on board. The vessel left the Navigator's Islands on the 29th of November, *en route* for Savage Island, Rarotonga, and Sydney. Captain Turpie expects to be in Sydney about the middle of January, 1886. The Dayspring, mission schooner, arrived in port on Monday from the New Hebrides. Captain Braithwaite reports that the cruise throughout was uneventful, with the exception that on the 1st instant, when off the Island of Tanna, there was every appearance of a hurricane, the sky having a very forbidding appearance, and there being an extremely heavy north-north-east sea, while the wind was light from north-east.

At Galley Swamp, near Carcoar, Messrs. Cohen and party have crushed 17 tons of quartz for a yield of 41oz. 1dwt. of gold. The stone is from what is known as the "disputed claim," and the length of the lode is about 300 feet, with an average thickness of 10 inches. Messrs. Rowe and party have crushed 33 tons from a reef 10 inches thick, in the same district, for a yield of 42oz. of gold. Messrs. Owens and party, from their claim at the west of Burnt Yards Hill, have crushed by hand mortar 50lb. weight of quartz for a return of 30oz. gold. The reef averages 6 inches in thickness, and they are raising for crushing at the battery. Work in all the other gold-mining centres is being carried on as actively as possible, but the dry weather has seriously retarded some of the operations. In the neighbourhood of Galley Swamp prospecting for new reefs is very active. At Mount M'Donald a new find is reported on the West Balmoral ground. Three parties of tributers on Garnt's line of reef, Mount M'Donald, have had some excellent crushings, 53 tons, averaging a little over two ounces of gold per ton. During the fortnight ended December 18, the New Reform Gold-mining Company, Limited, Lucknow, raised 70, crushed 40, and threw out 5 tons of quartz. By the ordinary process of calcination, grinding, and amalgamation, obtained from two samples of first each, an average of 81oz. 18dwt. 18gr. gold per ton puddled from No. 1 ore, after extracting £930 worth of free gold from a parcel of about 30cwt. Mr. Watt's assay by chemical process gives—gold, 114oz. 1dwt. 8gr.; silver, 24oz. 6dwt. 23gr. In the mine the various faces have about the usual appearance. Water supply very low, depending entirely upon the underground dam for crushing purposes. Mining matters are improving in the vicinity of Emmaville, where fresh applications continue to be made for silver land about Pye's Creek. The Burragorang silver mines, near Camden, have been favourably spoken of by an expert. A quartz and galena lode has been cut in the Victoria Silver-mining Company's ground. Three tons two hundred-weight of ore from the Pinnacle Group Silver-mining Company's claim, sent for assay, averaged 98oz. silver per ton and 26 per cent. lead. Half was gossan, which yielded 80oz., and half galena, which gave 116oz. per ton. About 200 tons of selected ore are ready for the furnace, containing from 60 to 100oz. per ton. Four tons of silver ore from the Lubra Silver-mining Company's claim were reduced in Melbourne, yielding a net sum of £117 7s. 1d., after payment of all expenses. The Sunny Corner Silver-mining Company, Limited, for the week ended December 5, reduced 776 tons of ore. The total value of bullion returned for the week was £2875, exclusive of fine dust saved. During the week ended December 12, 615 tons of ore were reduced, the bullion returned being of the value of £3387, exclusive of fine dust. The output of the Great Cobar copper mine for the four weeks ended November 28 was one hundred and sixty tons fine copper. The Nymagee Copper Mining Company, Limited, during the month ended December 5 raised 1234 tons and smelted 1354 tons, producing equal to 140 tons of fine copper. 127 tons were refined, and 210 tons despatched.

The sculling match between William Beach, champion of the world, and Neil Matterson, of the Clarence River, took place on the Parramatta championship course on Friday, December 18. As was generally expected, the race was a gift to Beach, who was at one time about 150 yards ahead; and the champion proved himself as good a man as ever. There was a strong wind and tide against the race, which was rowed in 24 minutes 11¼ seconds. Matterson had some supporters, whose confidence was based on the probability that Beach would not come out in his best form, but their expectations were sadly broken down by the time the men had rowed two hundred yards. His Excellency Lord Carrington followed the race in one of the Government launches, and after the event spoke kindly to the competitors. He was very heartily welcomed by the spectators.

A pleasing military ceremony took place on Saturday, December 19, at Moore Park, when the prizes won at the late New South Wales Rifle Association meeting were presented to the winners by the Hon. Lady Carrington. His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Judith Harbord, and some members of the suite were also present, and took a lively interest in the proceedings. The vice-regal party were most warmly received by an unusually large assemblage, which included about 2250 troops of the metropolitan district. A feature of the proceedings was the appearance of the Sydney Lancers, who, in their new 5th Lancer uniforms, escorted the Governor's carriage. There are continued signs of dissatisfaction among the volunteer reserves, of which the inaction and red-tape obstruction of the authorities, together with an inefficient system of training, is considered the chief cause. The Soudan medals are expected to arrive during the first week in January, and a brigade parade is ordered for the 16th, for the presentation to members of the Contingent.

Musical amateurs are looking forward with eagerness to the Christmas productions, for nothing of much interest has been produced during the past fortnight. Madame Charbonnet-Kellermann has held a *matinee*, which was well attended, and at which the performances of herself and her pupils were much admired. The Sydney Liedertafel have given a couple of successful concerts, and at the Theatre Royal "The Mikado" will hold the boards until the production of the Christmas pantomime "Cinderella." Mr. J. L. Hall is playing Captain Gingah in "Our Girls" at the Opera House; Mr. Frank Thornton is playing in "The Private Secretary" at the Gaiety Theatre. The Rickards-Leete combination are about to be superseded at the Academy of Music by Hiscocks' Federal Minstrels, and the minor companies are all doing well.

In the money market the borrowing and lending rates of the banks are unaltered, though there is a slightly firmer tone. Deposit rates: 3 per cent. for three months, 4 per cent. for six months, and 5 per cent. for 12 months. Discounts: 6 per cent. for three months' bills, 7 per cent. for four months', and 8 per cent. for five months'. Exchange rates are somewhat unsettled, and the selling rate on London, 60 days' sight, has been reduced by some banks from ¾ per cent. premium to ½ per cent. premium, though several still quote the old rate. Buying rate, 5s. discount to par. There has been a diminishing business in stocks and shares, and generally prices have had a downward tendency, as will be seen from the list in another column. The required number of shares in the New South Wales Assurance Corporation, Limited, have been taken up, and the company will start on its career with a paid-up capital of £25,000. Other companies floated include the Sydney Trustee, Finance, and Agency Company, with a capital of £1000; Sydney Workman's Mutual Society, in 20,000 shares of £25 each; the Carrington Gold-mining Company, with a capital of £30,000 in £1 shares; and the Colonial Mutual Live Stock Insurance Company, with a capital of £100,000, in shares of £1 each. The prospectus of the Fairfield Land and Building Company, capital £10,000, has been issued.

Commercially, the import markets have not been at all active. There is still far too much merchandise of almost all descriptions under offer, and the demand, as usual at this time, is restricted. Prices generally are low. In the export markets there has been a brisk trade in wool, buyers having operated freely for all good lots, though other descriptions have not sold so freely.

SHIPPING.

Arrivals from Great Britain.—December 11, R.M.S. Carthage, Captain George Nelson Hector, from London, via ports. December 12, Loch Trool, barque, Captain R. Mainland, from Liverpool. December 14, R.M.S. Potosi, Captain C. Adey, from London, via ports. December 17, Port Victor (s.), Captain A. Williams, from London, via ports; Gretna, ship, Captain Young, from London. December 19, Fiery Cross, ship, Captain James Brock, from London.

Departures for Great Britain.—December 10, Thomas Stephens, ship, Captain W. B. Cross, for London; Catania (s.), Captain G. W. Kock, for London, Antwerp, and Hamburg. December 11, R.M.S. Kaisir-i-Hind, Captain E. G. Stead, for London, via ports. December 12, Port Darwin (s.), Captain J. Sturrock, for London, via ports. December 14, Smyrna, ship, Captain T. F. Spalding, for London. December 18, Gulf of Mexico (s.), Captain G. J. Allan, for London. December 19, R.M.S. Chimborazo, Captain J. F. Ruthven, R.N.R., for London, via ports; Gladstone, ship, Captain J. B. Rugg, for London, via ports.

Arrivals from Foreign Ports.—December 10, Sonoma, American barque, Captain B. C. Howes, from Port Discovery; Pearl, American barque, Captain E. O. Avery, from Humboldt Bay. December 11, North Star, American schooner, Captain G. F. Moorehouse, from Humboldt Bay. December 12, Mercury, American ship, Captain J. L. Panno, from Chatham, N. B.; Earl Granville, barque, Captain W. H. Copp, from New York; Austria, American ship, Captain G. B. Delano, from San Francisco. December 13, Dryad, barque, Captain R. Jenkins, from Hamburg. December 17, R.M.S. Alameda, Captain H. G. Morse, from San Francisco, via ports. December 18, Zealandia (s.), Captain H. Webber, from San Francisco, via ports; Sorrento (s.), Captain L. A. Muller, from Hamburg, via ports; Jane A. Falkinburg, three-masted schooner, Captain F. W. Clinger, from San Francisco. December 21, Snowdon, barque, Captain Lewis, from Antwerp.

Departures for Foreign Ports.—December 10, Pericles, ship, Captain James Largie, for San Francisco, via Newcastle; Cockermouth, ship, Captain H. Rothery, for Manila, via Newcastle; Sumatra, American ship, Captain Osen, for San Francisco, via Newcastle. December 12, Kirkmichael, barque, Captain J. Frankark, for Iquique; Fort James, ship, Captain J. Houstan, for San Francisco, via Newcastle. December 15, Murmuir, (s.), Captain P. T. Helms, for Hongkong, via ports; August Smith, Norwegian barque, Captain J. Christensen, for Boston. December 16, Ruthwell, barque, Captain McConnell, for Rangoon, via Newcastle. December 17, Roman Empire, ship, Captain Adamson, for Madras; Charles B. Kenney, Captain Dahler, for San Francisco, via Newcastle. December 22, Courtney Ford, American schooner, Captain F. G. Miller, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

Freights to London.—The following are the quotations:—For sailing vessels: Wool, pressed, greasy ⅝d., clean ⅞d.; unpressed, greasy ½d., clean ⅝d. Tallow, 25s.; copra, 30s.; leather, 30s.; hides, 15s. to 20s.; preserved meat, 30s.; measurement goods, 30s.; horns and bones, 20s. Per steamer: Wool, greasy ⅞d., clean ⅞d.; preserved meats, 35s.; pearlshell, 50s.; tallow, 60s.; leather, 70s.; measurement goods, 60s.

Vessels on the Berth for London.—The following vessels are either loading or are to load for London:—R.M.S. Potosi, R.M.S. Carthage, Trafalgar, Port Jackson, Christiana Thompson, Duke of Athole, Dharwar, John Duthie, Ophelia, Corolla, General Roberts, Brilliant, Abergeldie Edinburgh, Kildare (s.).

H.M. Ships on the Station.—H.M.S. Nelson is at Auckland, the Diamond and Raven are at New Guinea, and the Harrier is expected at Brisbane. The ships at present in port are—the Miranda, Myrmidon, Dart, Undine, and Lark. The Opal has gone to Hobart.

THE PANAMA CANAL SCHEME.

(From the New York Tribune.)

Five years ago the Panama Canal was started with brilliant promise of success; to-day it is practically at a stand-still for want of funds. The shares are falling rapidly, and M. de Lesseps is begging his Government for permission to issue new bonds. A great scratch in the rock and the white posts of the surveyors from Colon to Panama alone represent the actual progress which has been made. An elaborate plant, transported from Europe and the United States at enormous expense, is lying idle and rusting into uselessness. An army of needless employees is maintained at high salaries. Vessels bringing unnecessary cargoes have been delayed on heavy demurrage; contracts have been let at unfair prices to high bidders, and fine residences and hospitals erected regardless of cost. Red tape and official bumbledom hamper the despatch of business. The Canal Company sells gold at a premium of 19 per cent., when the market quotation is at 40, and the accounts are in a state of hopeless confusion. Workmen die like sheep. The whole Isthmus is overrun with knaves and plunderers, who, foreseeing that the ship will founder, are in haste to enrich themselves before she disappears. The illustrious director has done his best to conceal the true state of things from his stockholders, and has devised ingenious methods to hoodwink the curious, but he cannot hope to temporise much longer. In the past would-be investigators have been met with abuse and coolly invited to relinquish their complaints or their interest. The precedent of the Suez Canal has been employed to quiet all doubts, and a corrupt press has lied to the full extent of its subsidy. If the Government refuses its aid the crash must come at last. A grant would only imply greater disaster in the future and a temporary suspension of misery to the victims. M. de Lesseps doubtless will go to Panama, as he promises. He will expose his gray hairs to the deadly climate, and will invite public sympathy with himself, as a martyr to the machinations of unprincipled schemers who design to involve him in ruin; but he will not be able to find any tenable ground of defence. He has been shrewd enough to keep away industriously from the Isthmus, so that he might screen himself under the convenient plea of ignorance; but no ingenuity can exonerate him from the charge of gross and culpable negligence in the administration of the enterprise or mitigate the distress and suffering entailed on his unfortunate dupes. M. de Lesseps is a wealthy man, and if he is really anxious to set himself right in the eyes of the world, the best thing he can do is to hand over his private fortune to trustees for the benefit of those who must be ruined when the final crash comes.

M. de Lesseps says that a large subsidy has been granted to the bankers of the company in New York. This is denied by the bankers themselves. Americans, indeed, have but little faith in M. de Lesseps; and it is well investors should know that the Panama enterprise, far from enjoying the countenance and confidence of the American people, is looked upon here as a gigantic failure, which was begun in ignorance, fostered on enthusiasm, and will terminate in ruin.

PERFECTION OF GAS LIGHTING.—Light your houses, offices, houses, and shops with the Wenham Gas Lamp. By thorough combustion they insure the preservation of valuable pictures, good health, &c., while the saving in gas alone in 12 months will more than pay their cost, the lamp being as good as ever. Burning at Sole Agents, Manufacturer's Agency Company, 2, Deans Place, off George-street, (opposite Mercantile Bank).—[ADVT.]

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THE NEW GUINEA EXPEDITION.

THE COLLECTION OF CURIOS.

The zoological, botanical, and ethnological specimens brought from New Guinea by the expedition despatched under the auspices of the Geographical Society of Australasia will be on view for a few days at the old building in the Domain formerly used as the Art Gallery. The collection is so extensive as to require for its proper display the whole of one of the large rooms, and that forming the eastern part of the structure has been set apart for the purpose. The arranging of the collection has been done by Mr. Wilson Froggatt, the assistant zoologist and entomologist to the expedition, and he has received valuable assistance from Mr. J. H. Maiden, curator of the Technological Museum. The articles on view were obtained from coast tribes at Kewi and Sumaat; from wandering tribes encountered a distance of about 170 miles up the Fly River; and from the head of the Fly and a distance of about 200 miles from the junction of the Strickland River. The articles are either displayed on the four walls or disposed about three tables, two of which are parallel with the eastern and western walls, and the other of which runs down the centre of the wall. There is noticeable a large collection of bows and arrows. A remarkable fact in connection with these weapons is that some of the tribes employ instruments much superior to those in use by others. Many of the bows are very large, whilst the mountings or tippings of the arrows are so various in kind as to leave little doubt that they were each of them made for a particular purpose. Some of the arrows are multipointed, others are barbed, and others again are rounded off in such a way that they could not possibly penetrate the skins of their destined victims, which it is well known are the brilliantly-plumaged birds of Paradise. There are several large oval pieces of wood, shaped like shields, and carved in a grotesque manner. The natural supposition would be that these carved pieces of wood were used as shields, but the collectors of them, although unable to state in what way they were used, do not join in this view. There is also an oval piece of white bark upon which has been sketched with charcoal and oil a figure, the upper part of which is not at all unlike a child's attempt at drawing a man, but the lower part of which ends in a tail which is suggestive of a scorpion. This curiously marked piece of bark is described as a native target, and the number of arrow punctures in it lend strength to the supposition that it was designed for that purpose.

The next articles that arrest attention are several strange looking wooden objects standing upon four legs, and rudely cut to resemble alligators. This illustrates a New Guinea native's conception of luxury, being used as a pillow for the head. Amongst other kinds of headdresses which the natives affect are those of cassowary and other plumes. The ornamentation of the head is in some instances perhaps not complete until the forehead has been covered with a kind of wooden frontlet, over which has been stretched the skin of some bird of gay plumage. And then the ears have to be adorned, and this is sometimes accomplished by large rings made of cassowary quills. But there are more articles yet to complete the toilet of a New Guinean, and not the least important is a necklace of dog's teeth, an article of adornment upon which great store seems to be set, and of which the expedition, it is said, obtained only one specimen. Then the wrists or arms have to be graced, and this is often done by the employment of huge semi-circular boar's teeth, a pair of which is linked by a small piece of twine, and quickly converted into a bracelet or armlet. The bows used by the natives seem to consist exclusively of pieces of a large species of bamboo, strung with strips of cane. The rebound of this after the discharge of an arrow, would quickly lacerate the flesh of the archer, were he not to use a *kind of gauntlet, specimens of which in several* kinds of material have been obtained. Bamboo is also extensively used for the manufacture of tobacco pipes. Amongst the specimens of these obtained is one which was evidently regarded by the owner as of great value, for it was encased in a plaited fibre envelope, and is of unusual size. This pipe is nearly three inches in diameter and about 15 inches in length. One of the characteristics of the aboriginals of New Guinea is said to be that the art of personal adornment is practised only by, or is limited to, the male sex. The chief specimens of female attire obtained by the expedition consist of some two or three dresses made of long fibre or grass. In one case the fabrics have been coloured, and the colours employed alternately. Music is represented in the collection of goods by a conch shell and two rattles, one of muscle shells and the other of a quantity of crayfish claws strung at the top of a cane. A number of very finely knitted bags, large paddles, and other articles of an interesting character are also included in the collection. There are, moreover, nicely displayed groups of birds, the plumage of which will attract much attention; of insects, including butterflies of brilliant metallic colourings and pencillings; of jars, containing in spirits snakes, lizards, frogs, fish, and a large assortment of fruit. There are also geological specimens, and a number of specimens of the work of the artist to the expedition (Mr. A. J. Vogan), in water colours, monochromes, pen and ink, and pencil.

Dr. Haacke, one of the recent New Guinea expedition, was interviewed by a representative of the *South Australian Advertiser*, and in the course of his statement, which extended to a considerable length, he said:—

"THE ORIGINAL INTENTION OF THE EXPEDITION.

"It was not originally intended to go to the Fly River, but to the Aird River, *a little to the east of the Fly River*. The idea was to go 20 or 30 miles up the river and then to leave the steamer in the care of a few of the party. The main body of the party were to proceed to the nearest high land, which is supposed to be not very far from the estuary of the Aird River. When at Thursday Island, however, we received instructions from the society not to try to go right into the Aird River on account of the south-east trades, which send up the water on the southern sides of the coral reef and bars at the mouth of the Aird, making it dangerous for navigation. It had been suggested, I learnt afterwards, by the gentlemen in Sydney, that we should go up the main entrance to the Fly River and should go down the branch of the delta nearest to the mouth of the Aird, and try to get into the Aird that way, because we might have supposed that the water on the southern side of the bars and coral reefs was pretty smooth. However, Captain Everill went up the Fly River, with the intention, as far as I could judge, of trying to reach the mountains by way of that river. In my opinion that was a mistake, because we knew that D'Albertis, the Italian naturalist and explorer, had been up the Fly River for a distance of 500 miles, when he saw mountains which, according to his map, we ought to have known to be in German territory. As so much English territory remains unexplored it ought not for that reason alone to have been our business to try and reach these mountains at the head of the Fly River. Of other mountains further south we knew nothing, and if I had been the leader of the expedition I would have gone up the unexplored large tributary of the Fly River, the junction of which with the Fly was put down on D'Albertis' map of the Fly River. I would have gone up so far as the nature of the river would safely allow the steamer to proceed. The steamer was only intended to take us a few miles up the Aird River, and it was not contemplated that she should go a long distance."

"We went up the eastern unexplored tributary of the Fly, which is now called the Strickland River, after Sir Edward Strickland, the president of the Geographical Society; but coming to rapids, and finding the river bed below these rapids stony instead of muddy, offering hardly any anchorage, we ought not to have gone any further—that is to say, if Captain Everill had been his own master. But he had to try and reach the mountains, and so we steamed on. The result was that we stuck in various places for about three months. We ought to have made up our minds to make the river instead of the mountain exploration, as then we would have been able to go about in the whaleboat and explore the upper part of the river. We would also have had time to explore the almost entirely unknown delta of the Fly River, which, of course, would be very important. Besides that, the collectors would have been able to pick out suitable localities in which to secure specimens, and the surveyor could have surveyed the river by means of the chain and theodolite. It must not be forgotten that the expedition lost three months, and that we would have accomplished a great deal more if we had explored the river with the intention of so doing. When the steamer was finally laid up, and there was no hope of getting off for some time, as the water had fallen considerably, we made up our minds to complete the river exploration as well as we could, as it would have been of no use to attempt exploration on land, seeing that the country on both sides of the river was dense virgin forest in which we could have made a track only at the rate of about half a mile a day. We cut several tracks, altogether about 10 miles long, but we had to give up the task.

"Half our party went up the river in the whale boat for a distance of about 90 miles, which would make a distance from the mouth of the Fly River of about 500 miles. I believe we reached a point a little further north of the highest point reached by D'Albertis, and we saw mountains in the distance which were identical with the range of mountains seen by D'Albertis, and which so far as we could judge were in German territory. In fact we nearly reached the boundary line of English and German possessions in New Guinea, about latitude 5·20 south of the Equator. We had only 10 days' provisions in the whale boat, and we had only reached the highest point of the mountain on the 12th day. Some of us ascended the nearest and lowest range which was about 2000 feet above the level of the sea. We returned on the 13th day and reached the steamer on the evening of the 14th day, that was on September. The part of the river explored in the whaleboat is full of rapids, and we all had to get out of the boat pretty often and pull it over the rapids. On one occasion it took us about two hours and a quarter to do this. During this time we did not progress an inch, but we succeeded in getting into slacker water. The part of the country seen by us is evidently a very large alluvial plain, densely wooded. The country suitable for pastoral purposes would be, as far as I can judge, about 100 square miles, but that had already been seen by D'Albertis, and according to his map it is not in English but in Dutch territory. Neither is the junction of the Fly and Strickland rivers in English territory, at least according to the map of D'Albertis. It may be in English territory, but I was not sure about that. Perhaps it would be just as well for the English Government to arrange with the Dutch Government to make the Baxter and Fly rivers the boundary of the two territories. This would enable the ships of both countries to go up the Fly River, and the new river in connection with the Fly would then be an entirely English thoroughfare. I do no think it would be of any use to try colonisation about the Fly River or about the Strickland River just now seeing that the south-eastern part of New Guinea is far more suitable for that purpose, and that the plain of the Fly River is covered nearly all over with dense virgin forest, which it would take a great deal of money and labour to clear. As to the boundary line between the English and German territory, I may say here that that to all appearances is formed by a very high and insurmountable chain of mountains, and on that account there not be any trouble between the settlers in the two places. D'Albertis had been up the Fly River three times. He was his own master, and his chief intention was to collect specimens of all kinds. As the country about the Strickland River did not differ in any appreciable degree from that about the Fly River, all being one large plain, we could not possibly have been expected to have made many new observations or have formed an extensive collection of new zoological or botanical specimens. Besides, we had to collect in places picked out by the manager of the steamer and not by ourselves. Then the season was evidently very dry, and interfered with vegetable and animal life. Our guns were not exactly collector's guns. The trees in New Guinea are very high, and it was quite a good shot to obtain one bird every hour, selecting the morning and evening, as is elsewhere done. Nevertheless, the Sydney committee of the society was, so far as I know, well pleased with the collection we made, and there is no doubt that it contained a number of animals and plants new to science. We did not do much in the way of geology. We only saw the alluvial river banks and the shingly stones of the river bed; and as the Fly River, explained by D'Albertis, comes from the same mountains, and as not much in the way of geology had been found there, nobody could expect us to do more in this respect than D'Albertis had done."

"You want to know about the natives. Well, the natives near the entrance to the Fly River were pretty friendly, being under the missionaries, and from the village of Sumaute, where we left a large quantity of coal, we took three natives up the river. These men left us afterwards in the night, and perhaps they caused the rumour about the massacre of the expedition. The chief of them, Korissa, told the truth to the missionary, Mr. M'Farlane, and to Captain Williams, of Thursday Island, of whom he was an old friend. Up the Fly River we met a large party of natives who had assembled in their canoes to meet us. They showed their peaceful turn of mind by stretching out their hands. We took no notice of them, but steamed on, and were not molested by them. Some distance up the Strickland River we met another party of natives travelling in canoes. They hurriedly left their canoes with their contents at our disposal. Captain Everill caused some curios to be collected out of the canoes, for which some tobacco, hatchets, coloured cloth, beads, and other articles of trade were left. On the following day, a little further up the river, we came to a native village, and the natives at once showed signs of hostility. Captain Everill, nevertheless, had the courage to land and to offer them some presents, which for the greater part were indignantly declined. Instead of accepting the presents the natives ran to and fro, bringing with them their bows and arrows. Almost before Captain Everill had time to return to the steamer the natives commenced a very picturesque war dance, showing the most open signs of defiance. We blew the steam whistle, but did not succeed in dispersing them, as we supposed we would do. We steamed on, and the natives accompanied the steamer till they came to a high river bank in front of their village, where they formed in a row and received us with a shower of arrows, some of which struck the steamer, while others even went over the vessel. As our lives were in danger, and we could not take the steamer to the other side on account on the shallow water, we had to disperse the natives by some rifle shots, which was done effectually. Whether we killed any natives I am unable to say, but it is not altogether unlikely that we did. Later on at the place where the steamer got stuck another party of natives were met. They appeared to be defying us to come over the river and fight them. As we did not know whether a second party might not come from the other side of the river and surprise us in our camp, we thought it just as well to get rid of the war party who had evidently been following us up the river. We did not injury any of them, but they never came again. From this point we started, as already stated, in the whaleboat. For a long time we did not meet any natives, but finally we saw a few houses, and found a few native bags containing food and native curios, the property of three natives, as far as we could judge by the footprints. We saw one native near one of the houses. Seeing us he quietly went up to the house and disappeared. Immediately the women, children, and dogs commenced to howl after their fashion when strangers are about. We did not take any notice of them going up the river, but coming down we paid a visit to three of the houses, and found them abandoned and the doors shut. We entered the houses, but did not find many valuable curios. Most of the houses in New Guinea are built on poles, after the style of the old lake houses. The picture of the old Swiss lake dwelling published by Sir John Lubbock in his 'Pre-historic Times,' was taken from the village of Dorey on the north-west coast of New Guinea. The houses are made of palm-leaves, but they differ in various places. Some of them are several hundred feet long, and are occupied by a large number of families. Coming down the river on our home journey we saw a new native village. Very few of the natives came to the steamer and received presents. They afterwards all disappeared, took everything out of the village, and took their canoes up the river, entirely abandoning their new and well-built village. I believe these natives were the ones who fired at us and whom we fired at, as we found that the old hostile village had been entirely deserted. Going still further down the river, we found a large camp of natives a few miles along each bank of the river. These I believe to have been the large party we met on the Fly River, as when coming back to the river the place contained no natives. These people were not at all frightened. They came alongside the steamer almost immediately the anchor had been dropped, and received presents. The river on both sides of the steamer was at times covered with crowded canoes. Although the natives seemed to be very much inclined to trade with us at first, they, after some little while, took their bows, arrows, and stave clubs, and declined to trade them. Finally, after we had succeeded in getting one side of the steamer clear of canoes, one native, evidently the admiral, gave out orders, and the natives placed their canoes in such a manner as would prevent their being injured in attacking us. We, perceiving this, blew the steam whistle and succeeded in driving them back to the shore without having the necessity of firing upon them. The natives started a war dance. Without this the New Guinea tribes do not seem to be able to fight, unless a surprise is intended. We were really thankful to them for giving us due warning, but I must confess that we were at least twice in danger of losing a man or two.

"As to the climate, all I can say is that it played up with some of us, two of us being very ill. I was well throughout the trip, but just before reaching Brisbane I had two days of violent headache. On arriving at Brisbane I was ill for two consecutive days with fever, but I have had no return of the complaint so far. One of the Malays died of inflammation of the lungs after only a few hours' illness. The doctor was not quite sure whether the affected lungs were the only cause of death. He thought it might be a case of Asiatic cholera, but he very wisely did not inform us of this until a considerable time afterwards. Most of the other Malays had touches of fever; even more so than the Europeans. I don't think that they can stand the climate any better than we can. The natives of New Guinea are also subject to fever, and I do not think that Europeans are less able to stand the climate, provided that they have one thing—namely, money. I am of opinion that the plain of the Fly River will not be settled by Europeans for a long time to come, on account of the impenetrable virgin forest, to clear which by fire and by axe will require a great amount of money and labour. I believe though, from what I have heard, having seen many people familiar with New Guinea, that the mountainous country on the south-east will be a good place for European settlers. I do not think the climate as a whole is worse than that of Batavia and Calcutta, in which places we know Europeans manage to live very comfortably. Certainly, the higher parts of the mountains will be much more healthy, being exposed to trade winds, and being *to a great extent free from swamps*."

THE BURNING OF THE SHIP BERTEAUX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Seeing in this morning's issue of the *Herald* a flat contradiction of my statement of the burning of the ship Berteaux, and subsequent proceedings, I can verify that statement by means of a letter now in my possession, signed by three shipmasters at that time loading at the island.

Mr. Warland asserts that we were proffered work on the island. I admit that a certain number did receive relief and employment from other ships at the island, but their provisions being short only a limited number could be engaged. The remaining seamen, five in number, and myself were left entirely to our own resources to seek relief elsewhere in an open boat, a gift from our late master to me to dispose of as I thought proper, which I sold in Port Darwin for the benefit of the crew, each taking an equal share, amounting to a few pounds, enabling us to purchase a few clothes.

As regards the payment of our wages, due to us from the ship, I am at present in possession of a note signed by the master and witnessed by George Warland, agent of the Browse Island Guano Company. But the note is payable in London, and I am unable to get it cashed here. Therefore I do not consider that I am paid in full, as Mr. Warland remarks, until I receive cash in lieu of the piece of paper I now hold.

Mr. Warland further states that my memory being rather defective, he anxiously looks forward to an opportunity of refreshing it; but I trust when that arises, although not having kept a log of the proceedings, shall be able to refer to dates as correctly as himself.

W. FIELDING, Second Officer ship Berteaux.

Sailor's Home, Sydney, December 23.

The story has been current in Belgium that a picture of Rubens has been brought to light in the city of Alost. It had been bought at an auction by a master tailor for the sum of 1 franc, and he hung it in his sitting-room. Here it was seen by a painter whose fancy was taken by it, and he obtained permission to clean it. He was most successful. The picture was signed and dated 1614, and is a beautiful specimen in wonderful preservation. It is 80 centimetres high by 62 broad, and represents Christ blessing the world. A veritable pilgrimage set in to Alost from all parts of Belgium, and considerable sums were offered to its owner for the picture.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

A MILITARY RIOT AT LIMERICK.

The collision between the soldiers of the 1st Battalion Royal Rifles and certain classes of the citizens of Limerick, culminated on November 16, when the riflemen, to the number of some 60 men, armed with sword-bayonets, sallied from their quarters at the new barracks, and made an onslaught on the residents of Richmond-street and the thoroughfares adjoining. For nearly half-an-hour the district was in possession of the riflemen, and while the attack lasted the people fled in terror to places of concealment for safety. A young man was stabbed in the head, but not dangerously. The military authorities having been informed of what was going on, a strong picket was despatched in charge of an officer, and the greater number of the men were got into barracks. A force of constabulary also arrived, and the mayor assured the people that he would put himself in communication with the Executive to have the Rifles *removed from the city*.

SUICIDES IN BERLIN.

Suicide is increasing in Berlin (a *Times* correspondent says) to what may be called a most frightful extent. In one day lately there were no fewer than ten cases of self-murder and attempted self-murder, while not a single day passes without bringing its repulsive story of suicide in some form or other. Nor are these cases of *felo-de-se* confined to the lower and poorer classes. There have been several instances quite recently of stockholders and other speculators moving in the upper ranks of society, who blew their brains out in a fit of despair at financial misfortune. A peculiar tale of the death of an aged and respectable couple owning a villa in the most fashionable street of the West-end, is also told. The story is that Herr Markwald, a retired banker, suddenly expired in some mysterious way, and that his widow at once put an end to her life with a revolver. The couple, who have several married children, had left written instructions for the cremation of their bodies.

EXTRAORDINARY CONDUCT OF A CLERGYMAN.

The Plymouth Guildhall was crowded on November 6, to hear a charge of stabbing preferred under most remarkable circumstances against the Rev. William Stewart Ross, until two years ago the rector of Christ Church, Belfast. The evidence was very sensational. On the previous night, Mr. Ross was engaged in addressing a meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association, Bank-street, Plymouth, when suddenly his equanimity was disturbed by the sudden appearance of two gentlemen, one of whom charged him with hypocrisy, and accused him of having run away with his wife. This gentleman was Mr. Charles Foy, Commissioner of Emigration. It appears that a few months since Ross, who is a married man and has two or three children, mysteriously disappeared from Belfast. At the same period one of his congregation, Mrs. Foy, was likewise missed. Shortly afterwards Mr. Foy received a letter in which Mr. Ross appealed to him to arrange a divorce. A week ago a friend of Mr. Foy's happened to hear Mr. Ross speaking at a Plymouth religious meeting, and he communicated the fact to his friend at once. As soon as Mr. Foy denounced Ross for his conduct he decamped from the building, but the hue and cry was raised, and he was followed by a mob. He selected all the byways, but after running a mile was so exhausted that he could not continue. Brought to bay, he pulled out and opened his penknife, and stabbed two of the most active of his pursuers in the hands. He was then disarmed and arrested. Mr. Foy found his wife at prisoner's residence, a house in the suburbs, and when he reproached her in court she said she was proud of what she had done. The prisoner was remanded.

MR. JUSTICE STEPHEN ON THE INCREASE OF IMMORALITY.

Mr. Justice Stephen, in charging the grand jury at the opening of the Norwich Assizes on November 10, said he was sorry that there was such a heavy calendar and one which contained a very unusual number of indecent cases: "He had observed during the course of this circuit that the number of indecent cases brought up for trial, consisting principally of assaults upon little girls, was very much larger than usual. He could not ascribe this increase in any way to the working of the new Criminal Law Amendment Act, because, out of the enormous number of cases that had come before him, only two—one here and one at Maidstone—were triable under that Act, and would not have been triable under the law as it stood before the Act was passed. Neither could he ascribe the increase to any special activity on the part of the police; for the cases, without exception, had been brought forward in the natural and usual way by the parents of the children who had been so grossly outraged. Out of upwards of 40 cases at the Sussex Assizes, 11 were of this description. At Chelmsford the proportion was considerably smaller, there not being more than four or five cases of indecency out of about 23. But at the present Assize, which embraced the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, he was sorry to say that nine or 10 were cases of this sort out of a total of about 40 prisoners—a proportion of one in four. He could not help fearing that these cases, which had always occurred to a certain extent, had increased in number by the most unwise and injurious measures that had been taken for drawing public attention to the subject. In his experience, which extended over the period of seven years as a Judge and upwards of 30 years as a member of the profession, he had heard, of course, many hundreds—he might say, thousands—of different cases of crime, and there had always, unhappily, been a certain proportion of these abominable cases. They were, so far as his experience went, committed almost invariably by persons of two classes—namely, on the one hand, by worn-out and debauched old men, and, on the other hand, by foul-minded boys and youths of the worst character and in the lowest possible position in every way, these being essentially the brutal and abominable crimes which were the work of thoroughly degraded characters. In stern questions of this kind, he thought that to call great public attention to them and to describe all their details—he cared not under what philanthropic or religious pretences—was about the most insane, the most injurious, the most dangerous thing which those who had the honour and welfare of their country at heart could possibly do. One might as well open a sewer and invite people to come and smell it, thereby to judge what a dangerous thing sewer-gas was. They might say, 'We do it only to show the foulness of the gas;' but the effect would be a dreadful extension of disease. And many of those who made a great stir about indecent matters with the view, as they said, of calling public attention to them and putting down crime, did really only effect the purpose of calling private attention to them and encouraging indecent thoughts in the minds of those who were foul and wicked enough to debase themselves by loathsome practices."

EXTRAORDINARY SCENE IN A COURT.

A startling scene was witnessed in the Croydon County Court on November 11, afternoon, in a builder's case—Bullock v. Jeffries. The Judge (Mr. Vernon Lushington, Q.C.), in giving his decision, told Jeffries that he was a liar and a perjurer, and that he ought to stand in a criminal court. Jeffries immediately arose, and, amid great excitement, declared that the Judge ought to stand in a criminal court. The Judge asked what the defendant said. The defendant: "For calling me a liar and a perjurer; I repeat it." The Judge: "Take him away." The defendant was then removed. Subsequently an apology was offered: but the Judge refused to accept it, and ordered the defendant to be committed for seven days for contempt of court.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE ARMY.

As a result of recent deliberations at the War Office, it has been decided at the earliest opportunity to ask State sanction for the formation of at least 10 battalions, to be added to the infantry of the line of the British army. The decision has been come to in consequence of the recommendation for the increase of the British army in India by 10,000 men and the drain on the home establishment in other parts of the world, notably in General Sir F. Stephenson's command in Egypt, where, according to the latest details, there are still two regiments of cavalry (exclusive of the camel corps and mounted infantry), six batteries of artillery, and, besides other arms, 13 battalions of British infantry. It is not yet known to what regiments the proposed battalions are, if recommended, to be attached; but there is a strong probability that an effort will be made with a view to fill up some of the gaps which exist in the regimental districts, now over 30 in number, representing between 60 and 70 battalions. The British establishment in India now consists of nine regiments of cavalry, 81 batteries of artillery, and 50 battalions of infantry.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.—The Bishop of Manchester died on October 22, at his residence, Bishop's Court, Higher Broughton, Manchester. The event, though sudden, was not altogether a surprise to his medical attendants. For nearly two months the Bishop had been unwell, and for some time he had given up all work, but latterly he was not entirely incapacitated for his official duties, though he was relieved of all unnecessary work. He was able to get up and go about daily, and so recently as October 20 he took part in the service at the cathedral in connection with the annual meeting of the Manchester branch of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. His condition, however, had given his friends and medical attendants a good deal of anxiety. During August last, whilst staying in Gloucestershire on a holiday, he exposed himself to a piercing wind, and on the following day he was so ill that he sought the advice of a local medical man. The Bishop complained of stiffness in the neck, and a slight swelling was noticed over the left collar-bone. This the doctor believed to be a large clot of blood in the main vein. Considerable swelling of the whole of the left arm supervened. At this time no alarm was felt, but on returning to Manchester the Bishop was seen by two medical men, who pronounced the case to be one of gravity, and under their injunction the Bishop gave up all, or nearly all, his work for a time. The clot of blood gradually became smaller, and hopes were entertained of its entire disappearance. On October 21 the Bishop seemed to be a little better, and he walked in the garden at Bishop's Court for some time. On the morning of the 22nd it was remarked that he seemed particularly cheerful. At about 10 he rose, and whilst dressing he complained of feeling suddenly unwell. He was attacked with dizziness and violent vomiting, and had to return to bed. Dr. Boutflower made his customary call at noon, and deemed it necessary to stay. Soon afterwards the Bishop's speech became almost inarticulate; he breathed with difficulty, and at a quarter-past 1 he passed quietly away.

LIVER coughs often taken for consumption are cured almost instantly with Hop Bitters, if you use the genuine American Co.'s.—[ADVT.]

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OUR ROME LETTER.

ROME, Oct. 31.

If the press may be taken for the voice of the country, Italy certainly expects great things from the new Minister for Foreign Affairs, Count Robilant, who has been appointed by King Humbert himself, and persuaded by his Sovereign to exchange his long and dignified Embassy at Vienna for the toils of the Consulta and turmoils of the Italian Parliament. Count Robilant is the first member of the old Piedmontese aristocracy who has had a seat in the Cabinet since Rome became the capital of Italy, and to judge from outward appearances there will be more "pomp and circumstance" about the Palace of the Consulta than hitherto. Servants and ushers now appear in handsome liveries never before seen in the anterooms, and look as if they had a right to be there. The place will be once more, in fact, a Ministerial residence. Count Robilant is a contemporary of the late King Victor Emmanuel, and an old soldier of the Italian revolution. He fought at the battle of Novara, and lost his left arm there. The new Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs is the Marchese Cappelli, a native of the Abruzzi, who has been in the diplomatic career since 1872, at London, Vienna, and Berlin. Signor Malvano continues in the same Ministry, as Director-General of Foreign Affairs.

The "Roman season" is beginning by slow degrees. October has been so rainy the Romans were not able to enjoy their beloved holiday drives outside the gates on the Sundays and Thursdays. An immense number of marriages have come off, however, and all the theatres have been crowded nightly. Now we are at the eve of All Saints, and the commemoration of the dead will occupy the coming week. For many days numerous shops in every part of the city have displayed all kinds of memorial wreaths: many, of artificial flowers, are of exceeding beauty. In the confectioners' windows are spread dishes full of small cakes called *fave* (beans) and pastry shaped like bones. The people eat this symbolism of mortality "for devotion," as they say. There is no abandonment of the old customs observed at this sad anniversary, when the dying year reminds us of departed friends and the inevitable doom of all. On the contrary, the "Representation of Death" will be resumed, as under the Pontifical government. This used to consist in groups of wax figures representing some scriptural deathbed, exhibited at Santa Maria in Trastevere, or at the hospital of San Salvatore, near the Lateran. I have seen the "Death of Jacob" and others. Sometimes even a modern heroic death, such as that of Cardinal Altieri, who fell a victim to cholera at Albano in 1867. The subject announced for this year's representation is the Vision of Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones.

Enormous crowds of people visit the cemeteries in the afternoon of All Saints Day, especially San Lorenzo, outside the walls, the vast City of the Dead, which is spreading far into the Campagna towards Tivoli. Lamentable accounts of inundations caused by the heavy and continual rains come in daily. A violent waterspout has interrupted the main railway from Genoa to Rome in two places, both on the Tuscan and Ligurian sides. A phenomenal shower of meteoric sand fell here and over the whole west of Central Italy, on the night of the 15th. It was preceded by a wind hot as from the mouth of a furnace, and when the storm passed a quantity of red sand was collected on the roofs and terraces of observatories, the leaves of plants in the gardens being also covered with it. Formerly the Romans imagined this sand came, blown over the sea from the African deserts with the strong south-west wind; but meteorologists now seem to decide that it comes from the upper regions of the atmosphere, like falling stars.

Cholera has greatly diminished at Palermo, but health apprehensions keep travellers from coming to Italy; so that the prospects of the people who depend upon the foreign season-visitors are gloomy. Rome is exceedingly healthy, however; there has not even been any apprehension of cholera. But the Italians themselves show much timidity, and subject travellers from France to troublesome fumigations at the frontiers, so a sense of insecurity as catching as an epidemic gets abroad. There is, indeed, a street risk in Rome to be guarded against. The enlarging of the city at several points involves the incessant carting of every kind of material at all hours of the day. Sometimes long piles of wooden beams, or distractingly noisy iron beams, or carts of stones, or Roman cement, or worst of all, long unwieldy carts laden with bricks. The carters who drive them are, with rare exceptions, utter savages, inhuman to their beasts, and regardless of the safety of foot passengers. Every day the papers have to record a case of being run over or crushed against the walls of the houses by the cart wheels. Recently, some of these accidents causing deaths, the police began to watch the carters, and one or two have been arrested. But it is better to depend upon one's self than the police here, for they are remarkable for never being within call when wanted; and, for self-preservation, to be on the lookout and get out of the way when these carts are coming.

The first volume of Cardinal Massaia's "Thirty-five Years in Soudan" quite equals in interest the expectations regarding it. Printed and published at the Propaganda, a handsome volume in clear type, beautifully illustrated, and each chapter decorated with an original initial letter, it does credit to the printing press of that celebrated institution. Cardinal Massaia is a native of Piedmont, and passed many quiet useful years as reader of theology in the Capuchin Convent at Turin, until he was appointed just in the last days of Pope Gregory XVI. to the mission in Ethiopia. He relates his story in a simple unadorned style, yet full of animation. His recollections are fresh and vivid, and his descriptions clear. To the Italians this book is especially welcome, as explaining the reasons why the occupation of Massaouah is necessary and valuable to Italy, and the independence and alliance of Abyssinia the indispensable bulwark against Mussulman predominance in Africa and against the slave trade.

But, besides joining in the crusade against slavery in Africa, Italy has also to combat the traffic in white slaves at home. Every now and then arrests are made at the railway station of individuals bound for France, with children purchased from their parents in the mountainous country called the Ciociara for a few francs. Three days since such an arrest was made of a man and an old woman with a little boy of ten years old, a girl of nine, and an idiot youth much older, whom they had bought in South Italy for eight francs a head!

Besides the disasters in the provinces from the severe weather, to-day's papers announce the fall of an old house in this city, and also the fall of the wall surrounding Villa Wolkowsky near San Giovanni Laterano. Fortunately no lives were lost, and nobody has been hurt, although four persons had to be extricated from the ruins of the house.

Fruitful as Rome is as a centre of fictitious information on both home and foreign affairs, and alike for home and foreign consumption, I have no remembrance of any event about which such a number of inventions have been concocted as the Pope's mediation between Spain and Germany. The Vatican authorities are at all times very reticent, and of course it was to be expected they would be especially so in a matter like this. It followed, therefore, that the liberal journalists would have to make repeated calls upon their imagination in order to satisfy the demand for news the unprecedented event of a Protestant sovereign having appealed to the head of the Roman Catholic Church to arbitrate between him and a Catholic sovereign had aroused. This, also, was to be expected, but certainly no one anticipated that the many items of news put in circulation, which were evidently false on the face of them, such as meetings held by the congregation of cardinals said to have been named by Leo XIII. to discuss and report to him on the question; the work they had accomplished; the intentions of the Pope; the interchange of diplomatic notes with the States interested, and the like; together also with other items that were believed to be true and were accepted as such, would all emanate from Catholic sources. In short, that it would be clerical and not liberal invention that would be called actively into play; that liberals would serve as the mere tools of Leo XIII.'s enemies in his own household, and that all the information published, both that which could easily be detected as invented and that of which no one doubted the truth, should alike be false, and, indeed, that that which appeared true was the most false, because of the motive that prompted its production.

But I must take you back a few steps, and remind you that there is a party in the Roman Catholic Church—and I am referring now more especially to the clergy from some of the cardinals downwards—who are more Papal than the Pontiff himself, who disapprove of much that Leo XIII. has done and is doing, and who look back with regret to the days and the policy of Pius IX. The most illustrious member of this party is Cardinal Pitra, who, as suburbican Bishop of Porto, is one of the six highest members of the College of Cardinals, and stands in the Hierarchy as only second, or the next but one, after the Pope himself. In the month of June last Cardinal Pitra wrote a long letter to the editor of an Amsterdam Catholic newspaper, lauding the acts and policy of Pius IX., and ignoring even the existence of the reigning Pontiff. This letter was republished in the Ultramontane *Journal de Rome*, and elicited from the Pope a severe condemnation, given in the form of an autograph letter addressed to the Archbishop of Paris, which was immediately followed by the suppression of the *Journal de Rome*, and a couple of days later by a public act of submission by the Cardinal, made in the form of a humble contrite letter, addressed to the Pope, and published in the *Osservatore Romano*. This letter, the circumstances connected with which I communicated to you at the time—(see the *Sydney Morning Herald* of August 24)—concluded, "I deplore what your Holiness deplores, I desire what your desire, and I condemn what you condemn." Of course it follows, therefore, that the Cardinal deplored having written the letter, the appearance of which was so much deplored by the Pope, and that he condemned it as the Pope had condemned it; but his followers, or those among whom he had taken the lead, did not think fit either to follow or approve his example in this act of submission. They made this evident at once, and now within these last few weeks they have issued a pamphlet entitled, "*La Lettera dell Eminentissimo Cardinale Pitra; I commenti; La parola del Papa.*" "The Letter of the most Eminent Cardinal Petra; the comments; the word of the Pope," which having been more widely circulated in the province of Piacenza than elsewhere, has been, in its turn, condemned by Monsignor Scalabrini, the bishop of that diocese, in a pastoral he has written for the purpose. In it he says,—"If we were only to take account of the phrases with which this libel is artfully garnished, we should certainly be tempted to receive it with favour, for there is nothing more often repeated in it than the necessity for union among Catholics, and for absolute subjection to the Vicar of Jesus Christ. But these words are only intended to deceive, for they are contradicted by the context, at the bottom of which lies the poison intended to dissolve all the ties of discipline and to create discord in the ranks of the sacred militia. The Supreme Pontiff has condemned in explicit terms a document (Cardinal Pitra's letter) which had come from whence it might have least been expected, and yet, behold, this deplorable pamphlet, sent forth among the public without the author's name, incessantly lauds that same document as if it was an inspired production, intended by God to create a new light in the Church." And the bishop continues and asks, "Is this, then, the proper respect due to the words of the Pope, who is plainly represented in this pamphlet either as not having understood the document in question, or as having wrongfully punished an innocent man?"

The authors of this pamphlet are described by the *Moniteur de Rome* as "those who, under the cloak of hypocrisy, still dare to rebel against the supreme authority of the Vicar of Jesus Christ, and to create trouble and divisions among Catholics;" and it must be remembered that these "rebels"—these enemies in Leo XIII.'s household—are not what in political parlance are called "Liberals;" they are "ultra-Clericals," and for the most part ecclesiastics who presume to know better what is good for the Church than he who, according to their belief, was indicated by the Holy Spirit to those who elected him at the last conclave.

To return, then, to the Caroline Islands question. These persons, whose views and latest action I have described above, are displeased at the Pope having accepted the mediation. They disapprove of it altogether, and their endeavours have been directed to misleading the public on the subject. It was expected that the Pope would, according to the usual procedure of the Pontifical administration, name a congregation of cardinals to examine the documents sent in by Spain and Germany, discuss the merits of their respective claims, and finally refer their decision to the Pope for him to approve, reject, or modify as in his higher wisdom he might deem fit. It was not supposed, however, that anything would be done in this respect until all the documents had arrived; but, behold, within a week the news was telegraphed to the European capitals that the Pope had nominated the congregation in the persons of Cardinals Jacobini, Czacki, Parocchi, Monaco la Valetta, Ledochowski, Bianchi, and Laurenzi, with Monsignor Mocenni, Pontifical Under-Secretary of State, as secretary. Now this news was false, and those who put it in circulation, through such unsuspected channels that it was accepted and believed, were members of the Pitra party as it is called; though of course we must presume that Cardinal Pitra himself has since his submission retired from the leadership of it. But you may ask—Of what consequence could this report be, what object could be obtained by it? The object was to create an unfavourable impression generally, and perhaps also if possible on the mind of Prince Bismarck himself, by spreading the belief that in naming the few cardinals necessary to examine into this question and assist him in the mediation he had selected also the one who is most hostile to Prince Bismarck, namely, Cardinal Ledochowski. What effect the news created abroad I can best describe by quoting from the remarks made by the *Times* correspondent at Paris on its being received there. He wrote:—"The composition of the Commission of Cardinals for the preliminary examination of the question is already exciting criticism. . . . As to Cardinal Ledochowski, his appointment on the commission is, to say the least, strange. He has been for years the stumbling block in the way of an agreement between the Pope and Germany. Prince Bismarck has all along considered Ledochowski's influence with the Pope as openly hostile to him. This, indeed, is so notorious that both the Pope and Cardinal Jacobin have repeatedly given intimations that no personage, however high his position, would be allowed to stand in the way of the interests of the Holy See. Now, as Cardinal Ledochowski still remains in favour in the Vatican, has frequent access to the Pope, and personifies, as it were, the difficulty in the way of an understanding with Germany, it is strange to see him figure on the commission for examining the documents of the two disputants. His appointment is really one of the most curious facts in the Papal acceptance of the mediation; and, as is pointed out by the adversaries of the Vatican, particularly the Italians whom I have seen, Leo XIII. could not be ignorant of the effect it would produce on Prince Bismarck's mind and on the German public."

This was the initiation, and a very astute initiation, of a series of other reports in regular sequence which I need not repeat, and some of so plausible a character as to deceive persons among the best informed, until, finally, everyone is taken by surprise by the fact becoming known that the Pope has named no congregation whatever, and the whole edifice of inventions tumbles to the ground. Thus far the Pope has kept the matter exclusively in his own hands. He has consulted cardinals and other dignitaries in a general way, but has given no indication of what the tendency of his own views may be. He may finally name a congregation, though that is now not likely; but, should he do so, Cardinal Ledochowski will certainly not be one of the number—not, indeed, because of what has passed, but because it would never have entered into the Pope's head to place him upon one that had to deliberate on a question he had consented to mediate upon at the request of Prince Bismarck. When Ledochowski's name was first mentioned here in connection with the congregation, it created some surprise; but the sources from whence the report came were such as to give credence to it, and his nomination was interpreted as an evidence of the Pope's impartiality and his desire to hear and weigh all opinions.

It is curious that the falseness of the news spread about was not discovered sooner; but, while the inventions regarding meetings of the congregation said to have been held were easily detected in various ways, no one doubted the truth of the congregation itself having been formed.

What are called "brasseries humoristiques" (says London *Truth*) are all the vogue in Paris. They began with the "Auberge des Adrets," where the garçons wear knee-breeches and doublets. Then came the "Chat-Noir," whose customers are served by elderly men dressed as Academicians. After this a needy revolutionist started the "Taverne du Bagne," with waiters in convict uniform. Finally, another enterprising publican was about to open the "Abbaye de Thélème," with barmaids got up as nuns and barmen as monks, but the Government, although great admirers of Rabelais, thought this was carrying "humour" a little too far, and, therefore, refused the license.

THE CHURCH AND THE STATE.

Under the title of "The Spiritual Organism," the Rev. Canon Potter recently lectured to the students in Trinity College, Melbourne; the real subject dealt with under that title being the relation of the Church to the State; and as at the close of his lecture he intimated the hope that at Trinity College many of the clergy of the future, as well as the lawyers and members of the Parliament of the future, would receive their education, we look with interest to see what he considers to be the true principles of political philosophy which they ought to imbibe in their youth, and to carry out in their adult life.

He points out that one of the early and one of the most natural forms which the relation of Church and State assumed was that of identity. Philosophers and statesmen reasoned that the Church and the State were different aspects of the same institution, and that, therefore, every member of the State was necessarily a member of the State Church. This theory, however, led directly to persecution, and many of the best of rulers were made by it the worst of persecutors. But persecution ultimately sets human nature in revolt against it. It is difficult now to read the stories of martyrdom without our flesh creeping. We wonder how educated men could have inflicted such tortures, and how they could ever have been sanctioned in the name of religion. It is the revolt of the humane part of our nature that has discredited persecution, and it is a fortunate thing for us that we are capable of such a moral insurrection against cruel conclusions. Logic is often a hard-hearted thing, and when the course of reasoning is sound, it is frequently difficult to blow up the major premiss. If we will only grant that conformity to the State Church ought to be obligatory, that it is necessary to political order, and to the maintenance of religion, then there is no difficulty in proving that nonconformists ought to be punished, and punished with a severity in proportion to their obstinacy. The scheme has been tried thoroughly, and tried relentlessly, till man's moral nature, which was intended to be preserved by the process, has risen up in judgment against it. The consequence of this is that we have come to see that the fundamental statement of this too celebrated syllogism—one that has caused so many tears, so many drops of blood—is radically false, and that it is not and cannot be the duty of the State to settle theological opinion and to enforce its universal acceptance.

Then if the State cannot also be the Church, what is the position of the Church? The Church consists of the people organised for the purposes of religious fellowship. Has the State anything whatever to do with this organisation? From the nature of the case, in a free community it never has been, and never can be co-extensive with the State, simply because whenever people are left free to think and act as they like, they will think and act differently. The State exercises compulsion only when it is thought necessary for the good of the whole, and though it compels submission in the case of a reluctant minority, it does not compel the expression of opinion on political questions. But within the Church in all its subdivisions, opinion and creed have been always closely connected with discipline. This is an all-important consideration when the question is put to us how far the State should support the Church or obey it. Canon Potter tells us with great truth that any successful solution of this question "must have due regard both to the actual and possible condition of mankind." He warns us against utopias. He gives us an excellent historical sketch of some things that have been thought and said and done with respect to this union, but when he works up to his practical local conclusion, we find him falling back into the arms of his own church theory.

The teacher of science warns us that the very first thing we have to do if we really want to get to the truth of nature, is to get out of the bondage of theories and look the actual facts straight in the face. The method of the statesman is in this respect the method of the savant. His method is to leave theories aside and study the actual facts, and this is what the young members of Parliament who will hereafter come out of Trinity College will have to do if they want to govern the country. They will learn to govern it in accordance with its actual conditions and necessities, and not in the light of Canon Potter's theory or anyone else's. The Canon's theory is that "the organic union of church and state will be the final stage of political and ecclesiastical development." This has not been achieved as yet, simply "because the Christian ideal has been but partially and imperfectly realised." It is of course the work of the Church to bring about the Christian ideal, and, therefore, it follows that the establishment of this happy union, which will be the perfection of society, will be the work of the Church and not of the State. "Meanwhile (and the meanwhile must be a very long while) the only possible relation between Church and State is an *ad interim* compact, and the terms of such compact may very well vary in lesser details with varying circumstances." But a compact that is always varying, and which will vary according to the Church's view of its rights, and of its power to enforce its rights, is less of a compact than a conflict. He unconsciously admits this. He says "of indirect political power—that power which pertains in democracies to those who have the ear and heart of the people—the more she can win the better. It will depend on herself how much of it she does win: and although she may lose it by her own fault, nobody can take it from her, and she ought to exercise it according to her conscience freely. There will always be questions which will tend more than others to collisions between Church and State." Now if there are always to be collisions, if the Church is continually to drive at getting the control of constituencies, and to use that power according to its conscience freely, what sort of an *ad-interim* compact can we possibly have? The Canon represents the Church as having the duty of striving incessantly to influence citizens in their civic capacity to work for the Church, as a means of bringing about ultimately a blessed union between Church and State, which union is after all to consist in the conquest of the State by the Church.

The Canon tells us that the Church should be obedient to the State, because the State also is ordained of God; but he adds, as if he were under the impression that it settled the question, "if the State should encroach on the domain of conscience and faith, it becomes the Christian's duty to disobey. In all other cases it is his duty to obey." But surely the Canon must see that so far from closing the question, this leaves it just as open as ever, because who is to define the domain of conscience and faith? If the Quaker says that it is against his conscience, not only to fight, but to pay war taxes, is the State wrong to compel him? If a Salvation Army captain thinks it his duty to hold a meeting and beat his drum under a bedroom window where a poor woman is dying, is a policeman wrong in telling him to move on? If, as in Cromwell's time, a fanatic thinks that he has been ordered of God to run through the streets, unclothed, calling out "Woe, woe!" is it wrong for the magistrate to fine and imprison him? If we make the private conscience absolute in its authority over the State, then we make the line of the State's domain ragged in the extreme, and always alterable at the whim of individuals or societies. Moreover, who is to determine whether the assumption of conscientious scruple is true or a pretence? If we say the individual, then we let him sit in judgment on himself, and an orderly, efficient administration of law becomes impossible.

Of course, the Canon's object is to lay a basis for his argument as to the limitation of the right of the State in the matter of education. This is what comes out towards the end of his lecture, as it has clearly been in his mind from the beginning. He says, frankly enough: "Supposing the quarrel to be this—that the State is endeavouring to establish a monopoly of the education of the people, and doing all they dare to shut out the Church from all share in the work—then I say that the Church's persistence in the quarrel will be steady and determined in direct proportion to the progress it is making in the realisation of the Christian ideal." In other words, the more Christian a man is, the more as a citizen he should try to baulk the Government in any attempt to establish a complete system of secular education. It is very desirable that the Canon should be brought to see that in the way in which he has stated the quarrel, it is not the State that is poaching on the domain of the Church, but the Church that is poaching on the domain of the State. The State is acting strictly within its own rights, and doing strictly secular and political work. It decides as a matter of purely public policy that the people must not be allowed to grow up in ignorance; that they must be taught at least the rudiments of reading, writing, and arithmetic. It further decides that the best way of getting this done is to do it itself, as in this way it will have the best possible assurance that the teachers are well-trained and competent, and that the discipline of the schools is kept up to a good standard. In all this the State is strictly within its own domain. It does not interfere with the religious or theological education of the children in the slightest degree. It neither affirms nor denies anything about the spiritual part of man, but leaves the Church perfectly free to deal with that matter. There is no interference, therefore, whatever with the Church's work. It confines itself to setting up a purely secular machinery for purely secular service. It is the Church that comes down and says to the State: "You shall not do this; this secular teaching ought to be done in denominational schools, or by denominational teachers, and to exclude the clergy from the regular routine of the secular curriculum is to violate conscience." Again, we ask, Who is to be the judge? Is the State to have no rights in determining its own domain, and is it to back out whenever the Church orders it? This is what Mr. Potter virtually claims, and he calls it an *ad interim* compact. Suppose we were to put the boot on the other leg, and say that it was for the State to determine the Church's domain, to alter the 39 articles, to revise the rubric, to adapt the Westminster Confession of Faith to modern ideas, and overrule the Melbourne Presbytery in its treatment of Mr. Strong's adherents—what would Mr. Potter say? He would say that the State was dealing with matters outside its province. And he would be quite right. Then, why can he not leave the State alone in the matter of secular education, leaving the Church to its own special function, namely, the spiritual education of the people? The best kind of union we can have between these two corporations is to let each attend to its duty. That is a perfectly plain policy—one that the common people can understand and appreciate, and one that does not require us to accept or even to understand any *a priori* mystical theories.

NOVACAMBRIA.

A REPRESENTATIVE JEWELLERY EXHIBIT.

In the vestibule of the Town Hall there is at present on view part of a beautiful and most costly exhibit of colonial jewellers' art. The collection has been manufactured at the workshops of Alderman Evan Jones, and it is specially prepared for show at the forthcoming Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London, whither it is to be shipped in the course of a few days. The actual cost of the material and workmanship has amounted to more than £3000, from which fact an idea as to the class of the articles may be derived. In a majority of cases the goods are made of solid silver from the now celebrated Sunny Corner mines. The metal has been smelted and wrought in Sydney; and many of the devices shown are emblematic of Australasia. Among the groups are, for instance, a silver lyre bird, 2½ feet in height, and composed of £140 worth of silver, hand-worked with the greatest nicety and regard for natural appearance; a life-sized cookaburra ("laughing jackass"), in the act of killing a snake, and weighing 146 ounces; an emu, weighing 92 ounces; an opossum, &c. Adjoining these is an elaborately worked silver and crystal epergne, of the Australian giant-fern pattern, and about three and a half feet high. Its leaf work, festooning, and garniture of burnished and plain silver, and ores in their virgin and crude state, have been done by hand, and the cost to the maker has been nearly £250. "Cooee" represents an aboriginal police tracker in the act of discovering a wandering little girl, who has succumbed to thirst and starvation in the bush. The study, for so it may be termed, is valued at about £150, and it is composed of pure silver, mounted upon an ornamented stand of Australian ebony. Mr. Jones has introduced several new features into the adaptation of emus' eggs as articles of jewellery and ornament. In addition to the usual scent caskets, jewellery cases, ring stands, and drinking-cups, a set of emu tea-cups are shown. They consist of half-eggs, mounted in Sunny-Corner chased silver, and lined with the same material, thickly plated with gold. In connection with jewellery proper is a valuable collection of New South Wales diamonds, sapphires, opals, rubies, auriferous quartz, and virgin nuggets of gold, together with a very large package of Australian pearls. Some of these gems are mounted in representation of Australian beetles and insects of various sorts, and, in point of beauty and skilful workmanship, they are not likely to be excelled. The firm in question has put itself to considerable expense and trouble to produce an exhibit which should be worthy of being accepted as a representative one from the antipodes, and it is but fair to say that success has attended the effort.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

A meeting of the Senate of the University was held on Monday last at the rooms of the Royal Society.

There were present the Chancellor (the Hon. Sir W. M. Manning), the Hon. Sir John Hay, the Hon. Sir Patrick Jennings, the Hon. William Macleay, Dr. M'Laurin, Mr. H. C. Russell, Mr. C. Rolleston, Professor Gurney, Professor Scott, Professor Stuart, and Professor Liversidge.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a number of letters were dealt with.

Mr. G. A. Mansfield presented a list of the tenders which had been received for the erection of the Macleay Museum-building, and recommended that the two lowest for the building and the ironwork respectively should be accepted. The total amount of the two tenders being £15,774, which is considerably in excess of the Parliamentary vote of £10,000 for this purpose, some discussion took place upon the expediency of entering into a contract of so large an amount, since the University possesses no funds with which to meet the additional expenses. It was the general opinion of members, however, that, as the natural history museum, which Mr. Macleay has promised to hand over to the University, would be in a far larger sense a gift to the public generally than to the University, and that, considering the plans had been approved by the Minister for Public Works, with instructions that the works should be proceeded with under tenders, it was extremely unlikely that Parliament would refuse to vote the additional sum required; and also that, as it was important that the collection should be housed without delay, Parliament would not desire that the work for which it intended to provide by the existing vote should be postponed until its sanction should have been obtained for the excess of cost. Accordingly, the Senate resolved that the above mentioned tenders, being that of Mr. Alexander Dean for the building, £12,345, and that of the Atlas Engineering Company for the ironwork, should be accepted, and that an immediate application should be made to the Government for an amount equal to the additional expenditure necessary, including architect's commission, in the hope that it will be placed upon the estimates for 1886.

The following gentlemen were appointed to act with the professors and lecturers as examiners for the year, 1886:—In classics, T. T. M. Beatty, LL.D., and Rev. J. C. Corlette, D.D.; in mathematics, Professor Nanson, M.A.; in chemistry, Mr. W. A. Dixon, F.C.S.; physics, Messrs. Hamlet and Clunes Ross, B.Sc.

The following resolution was agreed to, on the motion of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine:—"That no hospital shall be recognised as a place where medical study may be carried on, unless the appointment of the medical staff and the mode of teaching adopted shall be controlled by rules which have been approved by the Senate."

The Registrar was instructed to have the above resolution printed, and copies sent to each of the Sydney Hospitals.

The following resolutions were also agreed to:—"That advertisements be inserted in the daily papers inviting applications from gentlemen qualified to undertake the duties of lecturer in physics during Lent Term." "That Mr. A. Bulteau be reappointed lecturer in French for the year 1886, pending the adoption of a more extended scheme of teaching in the modern languages and literature."

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The following gentlemen have been elected as parochial representatives to the Church of England Diocesan Synod:—St. Paul's, Lithgow: Messrs. Clarendon Stuart and Liggins. St. Michael's: Messrs. Thomas Moore and James Green, and Messrs. W. Hemming, J. C. Read, and John Hedges as parochial nominators. Broughton Creek: Rev. S. S. Tovey and Mr. Thos. Shepherd. Picton: Messrs. M. H. Stephen, Q.C., and T. W. Usher. All Saints', Hunter's Hill: Messrs. Charles Edward Jeanneret and Shepherd Smith; the parochial nominators being Messrs. Alfred Garrick, Charles J. Manning, M.A., and William Owen, Q.C.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening, at St. Stephen's, North Willoughby, Messrs. G. R. Whiting and J. St. Vincent Welch were elected parish representatives to the seventh Synod.

At a meeting held last evening for the election of lay representatives of the cathedral district in the Synod, the following were chosen unanimously:—Messrs. Robert Chadwick and John Kent.

Ernesto Rossi, who, with the exception of Salvini, enjoys the reputation of being the greatest tragic actor of the present day, has published his autobiography in Florence. Before he was six years old the future interpreter of Shakespeare had made himself familiar with the poet's masterpieces; and he had scarcely entered his teens before he had resolved to become a great actor. He was a mere lad when he obtained an engagement to supply the place of an actor who was ill; and before he was 20 he had leaped into a leading position in the Modena Company at Milan. In 1855 he accompanied Ristori on her professional visit to Paris, and supported her at the Salle Ventadour; and in the year following he brought "Othello" upon the Italian stage for the first time, and commenced that succession of triumphs by which his subsequent career was marked.

EXCURSION BY THE R.M.S. ALAMEDA.

In response to invitations issued on behalf of the Oceanic and Union Steamship Companies, which are associated together in the new mail service between this port and San Francisco, nearly 300 ladies and gentlemen assembled on board the R.M.S. Alameda at the A.S.N. Company's Wharf yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of going for a trip down the harbour. The hour for starting was fixed at a quarter-past 2, but owing to the strong north-east wind blowing, some difficulty was experienced in getting out of the cove, and it was not until an hour later that the vessel was fairly under way. Beyond the strong breeze, the weather was moderately cool and pleasant, and as the vessel proceeded down the harbour the fresh air and genial company seemed to have the very best effect in promoting the enjoyment of all on board. The following were among the visitors present:—His Honor Judge Faucett, Sir Alexander Stuart, Messrs. Dibbs, Lyne, Trickett, Slattery, Sir Patrick Jennings, Messrs. Ives, Targett, Henson, W. Clarke, Inglis, De Courcy Browne, Bowman, Butcher, Forsyth, J. Davies, C.M.G., H. Stephen, F. T. Humphery, Hammond, Copeland, Levien, M'Culloch, Olliffe, members of the Legislative Assembly; Hons. S. H. Terry, A. H. Jacob, A. Campbell, W. A. Brodribb, M.L.C.s; Captain Hixson (president), Captains Jenkins, and Broomfield, Commander Lindeman (of the Marine Board), Messrs. W. G. Murray, Wildridge, E. E. Smith, H. D. Portus, B. B. Nicoll, J. Arthur, F. E. Rogers, W. Neill, J.P., W. Smyth, L. Harnett, J. Arthur Robertson (D. and W. Robertson), Willis, Captain R. Crombie, Captain Johnston, Messrs. W. F. Martin, Gilchrist, Irwin, Griffin (United States Consul), James Burns, W. A. Ackers, Alderman M'Mahon, C. Kahlo, Irwin, J. Tait, C. S. Jewett, Selwyn Smith, S. H. Lambton, C. Read, Hon. G. A. Lloyd, Cruickshank, Dr. Garran, Mr. James M. Johnston, Dr. Evans, Messrs. R. C. Want, J. Broadbent, W. J. Davies, Joseph, G. Petre, Captain Creer. A number of ladies were also on board. The Alameda has already been fully described in these columns, and the opinion expressed as to her fine fittings and general excellence as an ocean-going steamship was fully endorsed by the company present, who examined every part of her very critically. Captain Morse, despite unforeseen difficulties, had the vessel in first-class order, and he and his officers, as well as the local representative of the two companies (Mr. F. W. Jackson), did their utmost to forward the pleasure of everybody. A feature in the outing was the presence on board of Kopff's string band, which rendered selections of music from latest operas, besides supplying music for dancing, in a manner that was as creditable to themselves and their leader as it was delightful to all who heard it. The Alameda went down to, and outside of, the Heads, but she only proceeded about a mile to the eastward, the sea being so rough that it was feared the effect upon the gentler sex, whose presence added so much to the pleasure of the gathering, would be disagreeable. So the Alameda came back into the harbour again, and moved slowly up until reaching the bight of Bradley's, when the anchor was let go. In a few moments afterwards the younger portion of those present began dancing, which was continued for half an hour or more. In the meantime a repast had been laid in the saloon, and under the assiduous attention of Mr. Clark, the chief steward, and an able staff of assistants, this important part of the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily. Shortly before 5 o'clock the greater portion of the company assembled in the saloon for the purpose of drinking some toasts. Sir A. Stuart occupied the chair, with Captain Morse and Mr. Dibbs on either side. Wine having been opened,

The CHAIRMAN rose and said the first toast he would ask them to drink was one which all on board who were British subjects always recognised as their especial duty at the commencement of proceedings of that kind. (Cheers.) He gave them the "Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." (Cheers.)

Sir PATRICK JENNINGS said the toast he had to propose was that of the "President of the United States," and he thought they would be wanting in their duty if they did not drink with enthusiasm to the health of the ruler of 50,000,000 of free people, forming the greatest republic that the world ever saw. (Cheers.) And it must be gratifying to us English-speaking people here to know that the destiny of that great people of the United States, who were one in birth and blood with us—(cheers)—had been of such a glorious and triumphant character. (Cheers.) They were there to welcome their commerce—(cheers)—they were there to sympathise with them in bringing about a trade that would be mutually advantageous to both countries. (Cheers.) They were there to hope that they would follow the example of that great freedom of trade which had been initiated here. (Cheers.) He was not going to enter into a discussion upon that point. The Americans knew what was best for their own interests. (Hear, hear.) They could take care of themselves. In proposing the health of the President, he stated that all the world recognised that he had been selected on account of the purity and the probity of his career as a public man—(loud cheers)—rather than on account of any particular services he had rendered; and he thought the American people were to be congratulated on having a man who by the sheer merit of personal character had brought himself to the highest pinnacle of power that could be reached by any Sovereign. (Loud cheers.) There was no toast except that of our own beloved Queen that would be received, that ought to be received, with more enthusiasm by any English-speaking community than that of the President of the United States, which he now offered for their acceptance. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. GRIFFIN, consul for the United States, responded. He felt highly honoured in being asked to do so, and he desired to thank Sir Patrick Jennings in the most cordial manner, on behalf of his country, for the eloquent tribute he had paid, not only to the President, but to the nation. (Cheers.) He pointed out that owing to tariff restrictions the entire foreign-going tonnage of the United States was now 1,200,000 tons, while Great Britain added that amount to her carrying capacity every year. Endeavour had been made to have this state of affairs altered, but unfortunately without avail. He was glad, however, to see that one of their vessels, associated as it was with the Union Steam Ship Company in these waters, had made the fastest passage on record between San Francisco and the Australian colonies, because it showed at once that they knew how to build ships. (Cheers.) A closer commercial intercourse between the two peoples would only follow by the cultivation of fair trade—(cheers)—and before this could take place there would have to be a reduction in the exorbitant duties charged upon Australian wools which could not be grown in the United States. (Cheers.) These duties were said to have been imposed to protect the sheep farmers, but this was only a pretence, as it was for the benefit of the manufacturers. It stood to reason that when the woollen mills were the most prosperous, there was the greatest demand for wool. (Cheers.) In regard to Australia, he was delighted that Sir Patrick Jennings had pointed out the necessity of taking steps towards cultivating broader commercial relations. (Cheers.) He wished to say many pleasant things of Australia. It was a richer country than his own country. Mr. Mulhall, the most eminent statistician of Britain, had fixed the earnings of Australasia as high as 80 per cent., which was 12 per cent. higher than Great Britain. In a later paper he had reduced them to 70 per cent., and the Chief of the Bureau of the Statistics of Washington had fixed it at 77 per cent. At all events had given to the United States 67 per cent., which was far below that of Australasia. (Cheers.) These were high and gratifying results which we had spread out for ourselves and for our children—(cheers)—but he stood amazed at what he was confident would be our prosperity in the future. (Cheers.) And he longed to see the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race, with the same language, the same free institutions, standing shoulder to shoulder, and fighting, if needs be, a world in arms. (Loud cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN next gave the toast of "The combined steamship companies—the Oceanic Steamship Company and the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand." (Cheers.) These two companies together had undertaken to carry out the present mail service between this city and San Francisco. (Cheers.) They were all aware that the contract which had subsisted for a good many years with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company came to a close some time ago, and that a new contract had been entered into by the colonies of New Zealand and New South Wales with these two companies to carry our mails from here to San Francisco. During the time that he had the honour of being at the head of the Government of this country, this matter came specially before them, and both himself and his colleagues felt placed in this position—that while we would have desired, if it could possibly have been done, to have continued the service, which was called a through service, as the steamship which left Sydney went right through to San Francisco and *vice versa*, they at the same time considered that, as we were having our mails carried by the other route to England, we could not conscientiously propose a large subsidy for a through service. The service was more important to New Zealand than it was to this colony, as far as postal communication with England was concerned, because we had two lines of steamships—the P. and O., and the Orient—taking our letters every week, and delivering them with marvellous regularity. (Cheers.) At the same time, we felt that it would be extremely undesirable to cut off the communication which had been maintained between these colonies and America, because our interests were bound up together to a great extent—(cheers)—because there was the prospect of developing a large trade with America, and because it was desirable, as far as we possibly could, to allow it to continue. (Cheers.) We felt, however, that it was impossible to justify the giving of a subsidy for the mere carrying of merchandise, but that so long as we could get our mails with America carried in the shortest possible time, at a moderate expense, it was our duty to continue the communication; and that was the reason why this service, of which these two firms are part, was fixed upon. New Zealand, who would gain most from the service, was paying two-thirds of the cost, and New South Wales one-third. He was quite aware they had done this without Parliamentary sanction, and, although he was not now directly amenable to Parliament, he was prepared to say that they did a good thing at the right time. (Hear, hear.) If they had waited for Parliamentary authority Heaven only knew how long they would have had to want—(laughter)—to judge by present appearances. It had been regretted that the service was going to be carried out partly by steamers carrying an alien flag; but it was the glory of this country that it did not matter what particular flag a vessel sailed under so long as it did the work required to be done. (Cheers.) Our harbour was open to all alike. (Cheers.) There was no distinction and no difference in our welcome here so long as the vessels coming did the work for our mutual benefit. (Cheers.) He referred to the fact that the last service had been performed by American and Scotch steamers, and said the present one would be carried out by a colonial company and an American company. He spoke in terms of praise of the Union Steamship Company, of their fine vessels, which he had recently travelled in, and which did their work so excellently, and added that he hoped to soon make a trip in one of the Oceanic Company's boats. He concluded by again asking them to drink the toast, which was done very heartily.

Captain Morse, who was called upon, responded briefly and humorously. He said that he did not think commerce would flourish unless there was some kind of reciprocity.

Mr. F. W. Jackson also responded, and said that no effort would be spared to make the time a success.

The toasting then terminated, and the party soon afterwards left the Alameda, and were taken to the Circular Quay in the steamer Prince of Wales, the Alameda remaining at anchor in Neutral Bay. As the tender hauled away hearty cheers were exchanged between the visitors and the ship's company.

LAW REPORT.

INSOLVENCY COURT.—WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.

SURRENDERS

Robert Davis, of Yass, labourer. Liabilities, £79 18s. 2d. Assets, £42 8s. 10d. Mr. F. Macnab, official assignee.

John Brown, of Napoleon-street, Balmain, master mariner. Liabilities, £399 2s. 4d. Assets, £810 10s. Mr. E. M. Stephen, official assignee.

James Groundwater, of South Mount Hope, miner. Liabilities, £198 6s. 6d. Assets, £278 14s. Mr. Lloyd official assignee.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

First Court.—(Before Mr. District Court Judge DOWLING.)

CA. SA. SUMMONSES, ETC.

A number of ca. sa. summonses were dealt with, as were also several interpleaders and motions to restore a case to the list and to set aside judgment.

NEW TRIAL.

In the case of Styles v. Francis, Mr. Field, for the appellant, argued for a new trial, and Mr. Nash for the respondent opposed the application. The application was granted.

RIDLEY V. JONES AND ANOTHER.

To recover £22 17s. 6d., for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Astley appeared for the plaintiff and obtained a verdict.

BROWN V. ALFORD AND ANOTHER.

To recover £51 3s. for wages and commission. Mr. Lewis Levy appeared for the plaintiff, and recovered a verdict for £8 11s. 9d.

TRAINER V. M'NEIL.

To recover £30, the value of a horse alleged to have been purchased and taken delivery of by the defendant from the plaintiff. Verdict for the defendant.

Second Court.—(Before Mr. District Court Judge WILKINSON.)

NEWELL V. LIARDET.

In this case, part heard on Tuesday, a verdict was entered for the plaintiff, subject to the taxation of costs.

O'NEILL V. STEWART.

To recover £30 damages for injury to a horse and cart, caused by the negligent driving of defendant's servant. Messrs. Slattery and Heydon appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Clayton for the defence. Verdict for £8.

GOLDSMID AND ANOTHER V. SUM WAR.

To recover £17 for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Murdoch appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Thomas for the defence. Verdict for £16.

NORRIE V. BOROUGH OF PADDINGTON.

To recover £22 6s. for professional services. £14 was paid into court. Mr. Williamson appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Pigott for the defence. Verdict for the defence.

PALMER V. KING.

To recover £10 15s. due for tuition. Mr. Redhead appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Nash, instructed by Mr. A. H. McCulloch, for the defence. Verdict for £10 10s.

LAW NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT.—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

For Judgment.—Moore and others v. Ahearn.

Causes.—Wight v. Allen, Saunders v. Neville, Lockwood v. Sharkey, Davis and another v. Lang.

POLICE.

At the CENTRAL POLICE COURT yesterday, before Mr. Meares, D.S.M., *Robert Gailey* alias *Vincent* was charged with having stolen a purse containing a silver watch, a silver chain, a gold Maltese cross and gold ring, valued at £9, from the person of John Moore. It appeared that the prosecutor, who was a seaman, went to sleep in Hyde Park, and on awaking found that his property had been taken; the prisoner subsequently pawned several of the articles, which were identified by the prosecutor as belonging to him. The prisoner was committed to the Quarter Sessions.

The business in the Charge Division of the WATER POLICE COURT yesterday was disposed of by Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, S.M. A number of offenders were fined for drunkenness and disorderly behaviour, and a few cases were remanded. *John Monaghan* and *George Crouch*, on remand, were charged with being suspected persons, frequenting the Circular Quay for the purpose of committing a felony. The accused were defended by Mr. Williamson. Senior-sergeant Higgins and Senior-constable Taylor deposed to having seen the men in the crowd at the Circular Quay on the day the Governor landed. The officers stated that the accused were attempting to pick the pockets of those who had assembled in the roadway. Witnesses were called for the defence on Tuesday, but the Bench considered the case to be fully proved. Monaghan was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour; and Crouch was ordered to be kept in gaol for a period of six months. Mr. Williamson gave notice of appeal. Both men were admitted to bail upon entering into recognisances to appear at the Quarter Sessions and prosecute the appeal. *William M'Keon* was sentenced to a month in gaol, with hard labour, for stealing a coat, valued at 15s., the property of George A. Polger, a seaman belonging to the barque Mercury. Prisoner, a seaman, had lately been discharged from the vessel, and about three days after he left Polger missed his coat. Information was given to the police, and the article was traced to a shop in Argyle-street. The prisoner was taken thither, and he was immediately identified as being the person who had disposed of the coat. M'Keon was further fined 40s., or in default 14 days in gaol, for using indecent language in George-street. *Cornelius Sullivan*, charged with wilfully breaking a pane of glass value 5s., the property of Yet Sing, a Chinaman, who keeps a shop in Lower George-street, was fined £5 and ordered to make good the damage he had caused, or in default to be imprisoned with hard labour for a term of four months. *Charles Lossten*, charged with deserting his wife, was ordered to pay the sum of 15s. per week towards her maintenance for the period of 12 months. *Alexander Kennedy* was committed to take his trial at the Quarter Sessions on a charge of assaulting Louis Vidock, and thereby occasioning him bodily harm. It seems that shortly before 12 o'clock on the night of the 8th instant the prosecutor arrived at his residence, Woods'-lane, but before he entered the house a neighbour complained to him that some one had damaged her windows. Vidock said, "Who did it?" Prisoner, who lived close at hand, was looking out of his bedroom window, and he made answer "I will soon show you." He (prisoner) then came down stairs and beat the prosecutor, with the result that a serious wound was inflicted on the man's head. Dr. R. Westrum stated that he thought the wound must have been inflicted by a vertical and downward blow from some blunt instrument. The defence was, that during the struggle which took place between the men the complainant had fallen heavily to the ground, thus receiving the injury to his head. Mr. G. W. F. Addision, S.M., disposed of the cases in the Petty Debts Court.

A BOY DROWNED IN MOORE PARK.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CORONER'S JURY.

At the South Sydney Morgue yesterday, the acting-coroner (Mr. W. T. Pinhey, J.P.) held an inquest on the body of Henry Kersey Nurthen, 13 years of age, who was drowned in a waterhole situate near the Association Grounds, Moore Park, on Tuesday afternoon. From the evidence brought forward, it seems that the deceased was paddling about the pond in a small canvas boat, and on reaching the middle of the sheet of water he jumped out of his frail craft and swam vigorously towards the bank. A policeman, seeing the boy in the water, walked over to the spot towards which he was swimming with the intention of giving him a caution, but after going along well for a time deceased sank. At that time he was some 20 or 30 yards away from the bank. The policeman could not swim or he would have made an attempt to rescue the boy. An alarm was given, and two or three persons plunged into the water, but their efforts to save life were too late as the boy did not rise to the surface after sinking. The body was subsequently recovered by George Cole. It was lying in 2 feet of mud at the bottom of about 10 feet of water. Dr. Milford deposed that death was caused by drowning. The jury returned a verdict of accidentally drowned, and the foreman stated that some of the jurors were strongly of opinion that immediate steps should be taken by the authorities to have the waterhole filled up or fenced in, in order to prevent a recurrence of similar fatalities. Deceased was the son of Mr. Thomas Nurthen, and lately resided with his parents at No. 57, Stewart-street, Paddington. In presenting the case to the jury, the Acting-Coroner commented in strong terms upon the fact that three lives had been lost within the last six weeks in consequence of the police officers who were first on the spot being unable to swim. He thought it should be made a *sine qua non*, if possible, that all constables should be able to swim. Mr. Pinhey also drew attention to the putrid state of the waterhole in question, and said it was highly desirable that the authorities should take immediate steps to remove what he considered to be a very great nuisance. His Worship likewise stated that every police-station in the metropolis should be provided with grappling-irons and the necessary appliances for rescuing persons who might fall into the water in any part of the city. It was said that in consequence of there being no such appliances at No. 3 (Darlinghurst) Police-station, the police had to obtain the drags from the Water Police-station, which is situated at the foot of Phillip-street, near the Circular Quay.

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SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The presentation of prizes to children attending the Public schools, and to whom religious instruction of a special nature has been imparted, took place yesterday afternoon in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association. The gathering, which numbered about 1500 adults and children, was held under the auspices of the Church of England Synod Committee. The prize-winners occupied seats in the body of the hall, and their friends were accommodated in the two galleries. Two large tables on the platform were heavily laden with the prizes, which consisted of books specially chosen with regard to the ages and tastes, and also the further advance in culture, of those for whom they were intended. The prizes distributed numbered 308, whilst the labours of other children were recognised by the presentation to them of some 330 cards certifying that they had become entitled to honourable mention. The earlier portion of the ceremony was under the presidency of the Primate of Australia (Dr. Barry), and the latter under that of the Venerable Archdeacon King. Amongst the other gentlemen occupying seats on the platform were:—The Rev. Dr. Corlette, and the Revs. A. W. Pain, B.A., E. G. Cranswick, W. Witcombe, E. C. Beck, A. R. Bartlett, M.A., W. Hough, C. Baber, E. J. Sturdee, J. N. Manning, M.A., D. Murphy, T. Holme, S. Hungerford, F. B. Boyce, T. Unwin, and F. T. Trivett.

The proceedings were commenced by the singing of the hymn "Brightly gleams our banner," and this was followed by the saying of prayers.

The Rev. A. W. PAIN, one of the hon. secretaries, then made a brief statement to the effect that the examination had been extended to all those classes taught by the clergy and some of the teachers which were returned to the synod last June as having been taught with a view of examination; but in no case had any class been examined which had not been taught for a period commencing as far back as the first week of the school assembling in January of this year. The reports by the examiners were in almost instances satisfactory. In some there was a very faithful statement to the contrary. In a large number of instances the reports were more than satisfactory. The examiners, who had done their work voluntarily, had almost unanimously expressed themselves in very high terms of commendation of the children they had examined, and of the teachers who had taught them; and they had, moreover, expressed themselves as most grateful for the very kind and cordial co-operation afforded them on the part of the teachers of the schools.

The PRIMATE said that before he distributed the prizes he was asked to say a few words; first of all to the children who had come there to receive their prizes, and then to those friends and supporters of their work whom he was glad to see gracing their proceedings to-day. In the first place he would like to add one word to the report which had been made. The secretary told them that some 300 prizes were to be distributed. Well, as far as they could judge, that represented an examination of at least ten thousand children; and that fact, he thought, should increase their gratitude to the examiners who had voluntarily undertaken the work. And it also showed them the growing dimensions of the work itself, and that was a fact for which they thanked God. And now a few words to those who had come there together either to receive prizes, or in some cases to cheer their schoolfellows who would receive them. Let him say with what very deep interest he looked upon the work which was going on for them, and in which they must take their share if it was to be in any way effective. They should remember that those prizes that were to be given to them to-day were, first of all, to be valued simply because they showed that the recipients had done real and steady work. The prize was a sign partly, no doubt, of ability, but even more of steady and satisfactory work. And any boy or girl, therefore, who was conscious that the prize had been thus gained might be both proud and thankful of the prize as a mark of steady and real work. Then, again, he thought they ought to value their prizes as much because they were a sign of the trouble of those teachers to whom they owed so much. They should remember that they owed much to all teachers; but he thought they owed especially much to those who had kindly and with very great effort, undertaken, for the sake of the children, that work of religious teaching. Then the prize was a mark that the teachers had approved the work of the children, and believed that they had given their hearts to it. The only thing he should not care for was that the recipients should value their prizes just so far as they were marks of their superiority over others. He should like, if possible, that all boys and girls should pass such an examination as would entitle them to some kind of reward, and therefore he should like them to regard the prizes which they were to receive that day as a test of absolute work rather than of superiority over others. And to say the truth, he believed that was the way they were most valued by them. In congratulating very heartily the children to whom prizes were to be presented, he asked them to remember that the all-important thing was that they should regard the work of religious instruction for the work itself. That work was to them a training—not merely a training of the mind, but of the mind and the heart. And he would have them not to separate it, but to consider it as joined closely to the other teaching they had received in school. Whatever they knew, if they knew it thoroughly—whether in respect of the great world of nature or the world of human kind—whatever they knew, if they knew it thoroughly, was God's teaching to them, and was the means of their knowledge of God, and should be always thought of as closely connected with it. In speaking of the importance of the work, he said it ought to train their hearts, for, if they had any hearts at all, it would be absolutely impossible for them not to be touched by the record of the love of God and the salvation of Christ which their Bible brought before them. And now he would say a word to the parents, teachers, and others of the supporters of their work of religious instruction who were gathered there that day. It was not very long ago that he had occasion to speak of the importance of that work, but he really could not pass by any opportunity of impressing upon the minds of his fellow-churchmen and of all Christian people the unspeakable importance of the work in which they were now engaged. Their meeting to-day showed two things very clearly. The first was that their work was a real and substantial and increasing one. It was not merely the spirit that guided it, but it had an organisation to which that spirit might give life. He thought that meeting would show the public of Sydney very plainly not merely that their work was a real one, but that it was growing in scope of exercise, and in its claims upon public confidence every year, he had almost said every day. There was another point which their prize-giving brought about. The prize-giving was the result of examination as to the knowledge acquired by the children. Then they should remember that in religious teaching there was much more than knowledge, but there must be real knowledge. Christianity was based upon truth, and truth must be taught to the mind as well as to the heart. And they would see clearly from the proceedings of the year that their work was a work of real teaching—not merely a work of moral and spiritual influence—it was a work of as real and systematic teaching as that carried on in any of the departments of our Public schools. He considered that, as regarded a large number of men, there were no great ideas that were grasped except through the religious medium. The simplest Bible lesson, the most commonplace sermon, brought before us ideas so high and so deep that they might satisfy the most soaring aspiration, and satisfy the deepest possible scrutiny into the foundation of being. But they should remember that that knowledge was not merely intellectual. There was no difficulty at any time in bringing out the cogency of the great moral laws that regulate humanity. It was perfectly certain that they were so printed upon man's mind that there was no difficulty in bringing out the strength and cogency of the moral law; but what there was a difficulty in—and a difficulty which he could solve only in one way—was creating a high moral inspiration which should enforce that law, and so imprint it upon the heart as to overpower the law of evil which strives against it. He for one did not know where that high inspiration could be found except in the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ, which Our Lord Himself declared to be life eternal. In that knowledge there was the secret of spiritual life. Every one of those children before them had an inner life, which was hid with Christ in God; and upon the development of that life depended the development of humanity. Of all knowledge there was none like—there was none that even held a second place—to the knowledge they were seeking to give. In that way they were laying the foundation of an intellectual and moral and spiritual life for the future. They rejoiced in their own Church of England as taking the place of leadership in that great work. They earnestly desired, however, to see all Christian bodies taking up the work according to their means and capacities, and they would be thankful of their honourable and Christian rivalry in the work of doing good.

The distribution of prizes then took place. A summary of the prize list is as follows:—

Double Bay, 1 first, 1 second; Ashfield, 2 first, 2 second; Balmain (superior), 5 first, 6 second; Nicholson-street, 4 first, 3 second; Birchgrove, 2 first, 2 second; Glebe, 6 first, 6 second; Forest Lodge, 4 first, 5 second; St. Peters, 3 first, 4 second; Camdenville, 2 first, 2 second; Marrickville; 4 first, 4 second; Tempe, 2 first, 2 second; Botany, 2 first, 2 second; Darlinghurst (Superior), 4 first, 4 second; Druitt Town, 2 first, 2 second; Enfield, 1 first, 1 second; Newtown (Superior), 9 first, 10 second; Leichhardt, 5 first, 6 second; Leichhardt West, 2 first, 2 second; Macdonaldtown, 6 first, 6 second; Newtown North, 2 first, 2 second; Camperdown, 5 first, 5 second; Paddington, 5 first, 7 second; Glenmore-road, 2 first 2 second; Petersham (Superior), 5 first, 5 second Stanmore, 4 first, 4 second; Randwick, 2 first, 2 second; Coogee, 1 first, 1 second; Sussex-street, 4 first, 4 second; Darlington, 4 first, 4 second; Surry Hills (South), 5 first, 5 second; Castlereagh-street, 1 first, 1 second; Cleveland-street (Superior), 6 first, 7 second; Redfern (Superior), 6 first, 8 second; Bullanaming-street, 1 first, 1 second; Crown-street, 6 first, 5 second; William-street, 2 first, 2 second; Plunkett-street, 2 first, 2 second; Fort-street, 10 first, 11 second; Waterloo, 6 first, 5 second; Sydney (North), 3 first, 5 second; Chalswood, 2 first, 2 second.

THAT indigestion or stomach gas at night, preventing rest and sleep, will disappear by using American Co.'s Hop Bitters.—[ADVT.]

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

TYPHOID FEVER.

Notwithstanding the fact that during the past two or three days no fresh cases of typhoid fever have come under the notice of the Board of Health, it is known that the disease is increasing, and much anxiety is felt in consequence of the various rumours circulated throughout the city in reference to the spread of the disease. The cases do not necessarily come under the notice of the Board of Health, and only those persons afflicted with the disease who are in destitute circumstances, and, therefore, unable to secure medical attendance are aided by the Government. It is reported that there are several cases of typhoid at Paddington, Newtown, North Shore, and some of the other suburbs; in fact it is stated on good authority that there is scarcely a medical gentleman in the city possessing a good practice who has not less than ten or a dozen typhoid fever patients under his care.

SANITARY CONDITION OF THE CITY.

The work of city inspection by Mr. Inspector Seymour and his staff of officials has been vigorously prosecuted during the past few days, and the duty of street cleaning, together with the removal of house refuse, is being attended to in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Seymour has at present a staff of eight officers, and these officials are now carrying out a thorough system of house to house inspection throughout the city. As usual, summonses are being issued against those persons found committing breaches of the Corporation by-laws. A large number of summonses have also been served on property-holders for not fixing stench-traps to the drains in their yards, and also for omitting to attend to defective pipes in connection with the sewer or other drains. A number of such cases will be dealt with at the Police Court to-day, and it is the intention of the Corporation to continue this raid until the city is rid of the nuisances arising in connection with private drains. It would be well for those landlords who have not yet complied with the law in this respect to furnish their drains with stench-traps at once, as summonses will be served without notice. It is satisfactory to find that Inspector Seymour, who has, as is well known, done some excellent work in the past in the way of removing and also compelling the cleansing of a number of festering fever dens in the city, has turned his attention to this matter, as much sickness is occasioned by the obnoxious gases emitted from partially covered and, in many instances, open drains in back yards. In numerous cases the drains in question are placed at very short distances from the back door of the dwelling, the result being that the foul air emitted by them finds its way into the house.

The greatest difficulty with which the authorities have to deal at present is that in connection with the removal of nightsoil. For some time past the nightsoil has been conveyed to Cook's River. In consequence of the nuisance which has been created in the locality, numerous complaints have been made by residents, and, as may be observed in another portion of the paper, a public meeting was held last night at West Botany for the purpose of taking steps to urge upon the Government the immediate necessity of abating the nuisance.

THE COOK'S RIVER MUD FLATS.

Pursuant to an advertisement, a public meeting of the inhabitants of the municipality of West Botany was held at the Council-chambers, Arncliffe, yesterday evening, for the purpose of taking immediate steps to urge upon the Government the necessity of adopting means for abating the nuisance arising from the mud flats on either side of Cook's River. Mr. Judd, M.L.A., presided, and there was a large attendance. Letters of apology for absence were received from Mr. W. J. Ferguson, M.L.A., and from Mr. Berner, of the Works Department.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the matter was a very serious one, as local residents only too well knew. He had that day had a long interview with the Health Officer in connection with the subject; and unfortunately, except in a roundabout way, the Government would not be able to do anything. The nuisance which was complained of arose from the drainage into Cook's River. As a resident of St. Peters for 17 or 18 years he had seen it growing from day to day; and some seven or eight years ago, when he moved in the matter, he was looked upon as an alarmist. Shea's Creek was a literal hotbed of disease (hear, hear), and if any one broke soil at the spot he would find putrid matter enough to poison the whole of Sydney. This flowed out at high tide, and, being solid, the water left it festering on the seaweed, and the residents got the benefit of it. There had been much neglect on the part of the Government in not remedying the evil, and the Minister had declared that they were not in a position to do anything in the matter at present. Mr. Garrard, the new Minister for Works, had promised to come out and personally examine the place, but there was no time for any more red-tapism. The stenches even affected residents on the far side of Marrickville, according as the wind was south or south-east. Three years ago a deputation waited upon Mr. Copeland, and pointed out the necessity of reclaiming the mud flats, and cutting a canal at Cook's River. It was then explained that the residents were willing to take the matter up themselves if the Government would only grant them a long lease. A survey was made by Mr. M'Kenzie, who had also drawn up plans. According to the Government's showing, it would have taken some £12,000 or £15,000, and that about 880 acres would have to be reclaimed. If a canal had been cut through ground known as M'Crea's, it would have been easy enough to reclaim thousands of acres. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. GANNON said that he had lived on the river for 40 years, and never until this year had they any reason to complain. He had traced the cause. He passed over the road at all events once a week, and, as a matter of fact, he even had to put his fingers up to his nose to prevent being choked by the abominable stench. At the spot where Mr. Holt had intended to have his oyster beds the water was nothing but a mass of fluid exactly resembling ink. There was not half the flow in the channel that there used to be, and the river was actually filling up. Formerly there used to be a clear flat across M'Crea's; but the place was now completely overgrown with muddy mangroves. What was wanted was either to have a small canal or the reclamation of the land. Nothing else would stop the nuisance. Each and all shared the baneful effects, according as the winds varied, and something should be done at once. (Hear, hear.) If they had to wait until the Government took the matter up they would have to suffer until winter came on, and he trusted that Mr. Judd would be able to secure the co-operation of the adjacent suburban municipalities. (Hear, hear.) During the present week there would be the highest tides of the season, and he suggested that labourers should be employed to remove the seaweed which had accumulated while the opportunity lasted. If this weed was thrown into the channel, the water might possibly float a great quantity of it away. The nuisance, he believed, did not extend as far as Muddy Creek—(A ratepayer: Doesn't it?)—and flatheads could be caught in any number there. If the municipalities would expend a certain amount of rates something might be done. They had not sufficient money to do the whole thing, and the Government would undoubtedly have to assist. (Hear, hear.) If nothing was done the place would certainly be depopulated. The municipalities of St. Peters and Alexandria should also assist. (Hear, hear.) The nuisance, he contended, came from the fellmongers, woolwashing houses, piggeries, boiling-downs, Chinamen's garden, &c. He had much pleasure in moving the first resolution as follows:—"That this meeting views with alarm the terrible nuisance arising from Shea's Creek and the mud flats at Cook's River." (Hear, hear.)

Mr. FITZJOHN HALL remarked that the seaweed was merely the consequence, not the cause of the nuisance.

Mr. JOHN BOWMER, J.P., seconded the resolution. He regretted that at Christmas time they should have to grapple with such an unsavoury subject. He maintained that the nuisance did affect Muddy Creek, and stated that he had never smelt such a stench for the last 23 years as he had encountered on the previous day, and it certainly arose from nightsoil. (Hear, hear.) One might almost cut the smell into blocks. The fish were lying on their backs dead in all directions, and the earth was full of maggots and insufferably obnoxious. He and others had just spent £100 in cleaning out the creek, and now the tide had brought up tons of abominable stuff, and there it remained, so that they would be in a worse predicament than the people were at Cook's River. It certainly was enough to alarm anybody, and he prognosticated a rapid spread of typhoid fever. Anyone who could devise a remedy for the evil would be indeed a public benefactor, for if they waited till the Government stepped in, most of them would be dead. He endorsed the chairman's statements with regard to deputations, and he mentioned that they had, as a rule, met with a rebuff, until Mr. Copeland took office. He did not find so much fault with the Government as he did with a great number of the Government officials. (Hear, hear.) The ground, he contended, if reclaimed, would be of immense value, and the Government should strain every nerve to accomplish the great work. (Hear, hear.) Nearly 4000 acres could be resumed which would abundantly repay even an outlay of £100,000, if that were necessary. He had much pleasure in seconding the resolution. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. GANNON read a letter from a medical man, in which the writer pointed to these mud flats as being the probable sources of typhoid fever.

Mr. HALL supported the motion, but remarked that the removal of the seaweed would be of no use, as the accumulation of seaweed was only a consequence of the real nuisance and not the cause of it.

Alderman GODFREY thought that there was a remedy, which the Government had been shown over and over again, but had never made use of. Under the Parkes Government a commission was appointed to investigate Shea's Creek, and all the noxious industries on that creek were visited by the commission, which was paid some £750. The report was probably put in the waste-paper basket, as nothing had come of it. From Surry Hills, Redfern, Waterloo, and Alexandria down to Shea's Creek they had the whole of the sewage and the whole of the animal matter from the industries coming into contact with the vegetable matter, with which it became charged, and lay round the foreshore, and rotted in the sun. At Liverpool and Newington they had the same thing, and it was the fault of the Government that the remedy was not applied. He would point out what that remedy was. From the city of Sydney there were 362 tons of refuse collected every week, and the waste products of various industries went down to Shea's Creek. Tanneries, boiling-down and wool-washing establishments, and fellmongeries were at work right from Moore Park; and the night-soil together with the refuse from these places all went into the creek. He had applied to the Government as chairman of the Noxious Trades Association, and their secretary had written time after time regarding the site chosen for these noxious trades; but all they could get was that they were told to wait patiently. If the Government did not take some steps the trades would, for they would go on strike and leave the 360 tons of refuse in the city, and the people would be leaving and going somewhere else. (A Voice: Haslem's Creek.) It would pay to dredge Cook's River, by the return from the land, and it would be a benefit to the neighbourhood. The necessity for dredging Cook's River should be urged upon the Government. It was not a local matter but a national one, and affected the whole country. It was essential that they should have certain industries to work up the waste products of the city. Those industries must exist, and if they were stopped they would go on strike and leave the stuff in the city. The meeting should take immediate and urgent measures to recommend to the Government some means of trying to prevent the cause of this nuisance.

The motion was then put and carried.

Mr. RICHARD REILLY moved the next resolution,—"That this meeting is of opinion that the Government should take immediate steps to reclaim the mud flats on either side of the channel at Cook's River, which would abate the nuisance referred to in the foregoing resolution." He trusted that they would be unanimous and strenuous in their efforts to induce the Government to attend to this matter. It was only within the last six months that the evil had become so intolerable, and the present nuisance did not arise from the boiling-down establishments, but was evidently from the nightsoil and wool-washing mixing with the seaweed.

Mr. E. F. SMYTH seconded the motion. He contended that the smell which had arisen within the last few weeks was so bad that they could not allow the summer to go over without taking some very straightforward move in the matter. Whatever the origin of it was—and that was the combination of seaweed with nightsoil and wool washings—it would be a mistake for them and for the inhabitants of Sydney to regard this as a local matter, as it affected Sydney itself and all its suburbs, and would be a danger as long as it remained in its present condition. They should, through their members, obtain a design from Mr. Moriarty for a straight canal from the dam to Botany Bay, and if possible to connect it with Shea's Creek. The land reclaimed would be sufficient to pay for the whole expense. If the Government did not take it up, they should do so themselves. They could get up a company in the districts affected, for the purpose of making this canal; if the Government would give a lease of the land reclaimed for a number of years. But whatever was done, activity was essential, and it was fair to ask for a design. The plan and estimates of Mr. Mackenzie would enable them to know what they could do, and in the meantime they could hold meetings at other places, and show the Government that they were in earnest; and they could also get up a petition to Parliament.

Mr. T. S. HUNTLEY supported Mr. Smyth's suggestion as to local action. If what Mr. Godfrey stated was correct, the nuisance did not lie in Cook's River, but in Shea's Creek, discharging itself into Cook's River. As to the formation of a company to make the canal, there need be no trouble about the capital, as he was authorised to state that, subject to a sufficient length of lease being granted, or a title to the reclaimed land being vested in the individuals, the capital would be forthcoming at once. The scheme should be put before the Government, as Mr. Smyth had suggested—that if the Government would not do it, they should support a private bill to enable other persons to do it, either as a corporation or as individuals. Beyond doubt it would be a financial success.

The motion was then put and carried.

Mr. A. M. FELL moved the third resolution, and in doing so he strongly urged the necessity of combined and energetic action. The resolution was,—"That a deputation wait upon the Government for the purpose of presenting the foregoing resolutions, to consist of the following persons:—Messrs. M. J. Hammond, S. A. Stephen, J. Sutherland, W. Henson, W. G. Judd, W. J. Fergusson, Ms.L.A.; F. Gannon, J. Bourne, J.P.; T. S. Huntley, M. M'Rae, P. F. Smyth, T. R. Firth; S. H. Terry, M.L.C.; A. M. Fell, Thos. Saywell, with power to add to their number."

Mr. M. M'RAE seconded the motion. He corroborated the statement that the stench had not existed in the neighbourhood of Cook's River a few years ago, and in addition to the causes emanating from Shea's Creek, he believed that the nuisance was intensified by what was once known as Cook's River having become unfortunately a succession of mud flats, through its being used for the sewage purposes of surrounding districts. He went on to criticise the conduct of members and governments in neglecting their first duty of preserving the health of the citizens for the sake of attending to the subdivision of blocks of country in such a way that districts were completely spoiled. The question of drainage at Marrickville was at present a very serious one. Places were being built almost at the level of high tide, and he thought that the resolutions which had been moved should have gone further, and that the Government should be asked to put money on the Estimates to cut a canal to Botany Bay from Canterbury if need b,. reclaiming a large area of land, for the benefit of an increasing population, for the nuisance now complained of was nothing to what it would be if the present state of things continued. He had smelt the stench within half a mile of Hurstville, and even at Kogarah it was abominable. They should get up a large petition, and every person in the locality and in the metropolitan district would lend his aid.

Mr. GREEN, secretary of the progress committee of Cook's River Ward, Marrickville, stated that the residents on the Warren felt the stench very much, and they thought great credit was due to Mr. Judd for calling this meeting. He suggested that the Mayors of Marrickville and St. Peters should be added to the deputation.

The motion was then put and carried, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

PHYLLOXERA VASTRATRIX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have lately read in the daily papers that the ravages of the phylloxera are making headway in the Camden district, and that the only remedy suggested is to dig up the vines and compensate the owners. This, if carried out, will no doubt cost some thousands of pounds, and may end in making matters worse than ever, unless that every vestige of a root is burnt, and the infested soil treated by some chemical process to destroy all insect life.

Not being a vigneron, the subject of a vine disease would naturally not interest me as much as one affecting the orange or the apple, nevertheless I profess to know as much of viticulture as I do of the culture of the orange or other fruits, and having so successfully combated with any diseases that have ever affected the citrus tribe, I here suggest a permanent cure for that dreaded disease, phylloxera.

It is only known to those who are acquainted with the principles of chemistry, that when sulphate of ammonia (or any ammonia), and hydrate of lime are mixed together and moistened, a powerful gas is given off just in a similar manner as gunpowder explodes in contact with fire. This gas has the power of destroying insect life, and if used with caution will not injure plants, save that it gives a rather too rapid growth.

My remedy is this. First, to procure some sulphate of ammonia and some hydrate of lime; then to dig round the infested vines to a good depth, but not to injure the roots. After the soil is removed, then sprinkle one handful of the former and two handfulls of the latter in the hole and fill in half the soil; stir it together with a fork, then add a little more ammonia and lime and fill in the rest of the soil, and tread it with the feet. The combination of these two agents has a very powerful effect, as the ammonia is driven off by the lime in all directions, and will penetrate the soil to the extremities of the roots, and the hungry nature of the lime itself will also rapidly act upon all organic compounds (more especially sour ones), and render them sweet and wholesome, and fit again for food for plants—for I doubt very much whether any soil infested with phylloxera is in a healthy state.

Perhaps the present time is very unfavourable to carry out my suggestion, as the grapes may be forced too much, and any injury to the roots would cause them to bleed too freely. The best time would be in the winter, when the plants are in a torpid state; they would then be insensitive to the powerful effects of the ammoniacal gas. However, to test the value of my remarks, a few of the vines might be treated at once, or even some of the infested roots could be placed in a box of earth, with a little lime and ammonia, as suggested, which would soon reveal the fact whether the gas destroyed the insects or not.

To give vignerons some idea of the chemical action of sulphate of ammonia and hydrate of lime: mix a little of each in a bottle, and add a little water, and then take a good sniff, and it will soon convince them that, *if it is too strong* for their nasal organs, it is impossible for insects to live in it, as an exactly similar process takes place in the soil.

I am, &c.,

Caprera, December 21. SQUIRE W. PYE.

TYPHOID FEVER ON THE NORTH SHORE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As the public of this suburb are very much scared and frightened by the disclosure of facts communicated by me at the public meeting held here in the Masonic Hall on Monday last, I shall feel obliged if you will publish the following:—

At the meeting in question I reported 31 cases of typhoid fever within the past few months; but now, I am happy to inform the inhabitants, that for the last three weeks not a single case of typhoid has occurred in my practice.

I may mention that as soon as the rain came after the long drought typhoid fever, more or less, ceased; and this is the most powerful argument to support the opinion of the medical men present at the meeting referred to, who maintained that a sewerage system without a full and constant supply of water for flushing purposes would be worse than useless.

This letter, I hope, will remove the state of unnecessary fear at present prevailing amongst many families here.

I am, &c.,

St. Leonards, Dec. 23. CHARLES RORKE.

WHAT SHALL I DRINK?—The Lancet says: "We have tested the Montserrat Lime-Fruit Juice and found it sound and free from adulteration. It is a far more wholesome drink than any other form of alcohol." Annual importation over 100,000 gallons, sold by all storekeepers, Sydney. Elliott Brothers.—[ADVT.]

THE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT.

VI.—STORAGE OF WATER.

Following what we have already published, the report of the Water Conservation deals with the subjects of storage of water and tanks and dams. With reference to the storage of water the report says:—

"Having briefly reviewed some of the principal facts relating to the rainfall of the colony, and the theory which has been formed to account for its rapid disappearance from the face of the country, it remains that we should consider what means can be adopted to utilise the rain-water to the fullest extent. It is almost superfluous to point to the fact that much of the rain which falls is almost tropical in its character, and the benefit derived from it is partial and temporary in comparison with the advantages which might be expected to follow had we the means of storing the floods of one season to supply the comparative drought of another. A fall of one inch in a day would be considered very heavy in Great Britain, where the rain is much lighter and more frequent; but here the Government Astronomer has preserved records of storms in which 10·610 inches of rain fell at Newcastle in 24 hours, and at South Head, in which rain fall for upwards of 20 hours at the rate of 1 inch per hour. The amount of the rainfall is sometimes of less consequence than the period at which it comes; and a fall of 9 inches in the year over the north-western districts, divided into three falls of 3 inches each, occurring in spring, midsummer, and autumn would, in its effect upon vegetation, be vastly more beneficial than a very much larger aggregate quantity dissipated in thin showers throughout the year, or falling at a time less favourable for the growth of herbage.

"Any attempt to accurately estimate the value of rainfall by a pecuniary standard must of course be illusory, although doubtless there are many who will agree with the Government Astronomer in thinking that there is good reason for the assertion that, 'an inch of rain over the whole colony at the right time is worth a million of money,' is not an exaggeration of pecuniary loss which might be averted by a timely rainfall, to say nothing of the unutterable anguish of many thousands of animals, which in a period of drought perish by slow degrees from hunger and thirst. Although fully aware that the loss which results to the colony from droughts cannot be stated with arithmetical accuracy—in the case of the husbandman it is sometimes the complete frustration of his year's toil, and in that of the pastoralist the annihilation of a large part of his capital—still an attempt (even though the data should be held in some respects to be erroneous) to form a definite idea of the measure of loss from droughts is not without value. If we put the low price of 6s. 8d. per head as the value of a sheep, including wool and carcase, we see reason to suppose that the loss of the colony from the droughts of 1881, 1882, and 1883, in sheep alone, amounted to upwards of £2,000,000 per annum. The data from which this deduction is drawn will be found in the following figures, which have been compiled by the Chief Inspector of Stock from his official reports:—

Number of sheep on 1st January, 1881, as per report...	35,300,000
Natural increase, say 12 per cent.	4,236,000
Total at 31st December, 1881	39,536,000
Number of sheep on 1st January, 1882, as per report	36,500,000
Loss to 1881...	3,036,000
Number of sheep at 31st December, 1881	39,536,000
Natural increase, say 12 per cent.	4,744,320
Total at 31st December, 1882	44,280,320
Number of sheep on 1st January, 1883, as per report	36,100,000
Loss to 1882...	8,180,320
Number of sheep at 31st December, 1882	44,280,320
Natural increase, say 12 per cent.	5,313,638
Total at 31st December, 1883	49,593,958
Number of sheep on 1st January, 1884, as per report	37,900,000
Loss to 1883	11,693,958
Number of sheep at 31st December, 1883	49,593,958
Natural increase, say 12 per cent.	5,951,274
Total at 31st December, 1884	55,545,232
Number of sheep on 1st January, 1885, as per report	31,600,000
Total loss in these 4 years	23,945,232

23,945,232 sheep at 6s. 8d. per head—£7,981,744 loss.

"This calculation assumes that the colony is capable of depasturing 55,000,000 of sheep if efforts were made to conserve and utilise the rainfall; and we cannot suppose that this will be regarded as a too flattering estimate of our grazing resources. Each drought which afflicts the colony may be said to be more injurious in its consequences than any of its predecessors, for the reason that there are more stock in the country to suffer. One witness states that fully one-half of the horned cattle in the Gwydir district must have died during the last four years, and a great many sheep; but that a system of water conservation would reduce the deaths to a small per-centage annually. Another thinks that in the late droughts the deaths of animals have been as three and four to one in comparison with the mortality in previous droughts. Taking a radius of 100 miles from Walgett, it is given in evidence that during the last five years, taking all the runs in the district into consideration, we have lost about 60 per cent.

"The pastoral and agricultural interests being, in their present stage of development, wholly at the mercy of the vicissitudes of the weather, suffer more directly and severely than any other interests of the colony from the sharp alternations of wet and extremely dry years; but inasmuch as each interest in the colony is interwoven with every other, it is not too much to affirm that every class of the community participates in the privation and suffering which are born of adverse seasons, quite as much as in the comfort and wealth which result from bountiful harvests and the increase of flocks and herds. It would be easy to multiply instances of the loss which has overtaken mining industry, and the time when work upon the tin-mines of the northern districts, the goldfields of Temora, the copper mines of Cobar, and the argentiferous lodes of Silverton, had almost to be abandoned for the want of water, not simply for industrial purposes, but even for human consumption, must be still fresh in the recollection of most colonists. The greater prevalence of typhoid throughout the country during the late dry years seems to imply that the health and comfort of large numbers of the community, more particularly of those resident in the outlying districts, must have been very seriously injured by the scarcity of water—scarcity in many cases for even domestic use. The industries of the country, which are more immediately dependent on the soil, have about reached their maximum development under present conditions; and it will probably be admitted that if scope is to be given for the prosperous settlement of a larger rural population than that which now exists—if the stock-carrying capabilities of the country are to be increased—if agricultural activity is to be extended and made permanent—if the railways, which Government has constructed at a cost of many millions to the State, are to be made remunerative, and to accomplish the important ends for which they have been established—it will be necessary to make the largest and most systematic provision for the conservation of water, as the one element needed to give vitality to all the other possibilities of production.

"The possibility of forming storeage reservoirs at the head waters of the tributaries of the principal rivers is a question which appears to have hitherto received little or no attention, but, from the partial examination of the country by the Commission, they entertain no doubt that an instrumental survey of the different river basins will demonstrate that there are numerous sites for conserving reservoirs of very large capacity, and that by this means the easement of floods would be to some extent accomplished, and the streams of the rivers themselves controlled. As an instance of the construction of reservoirs at the heads of rivers, we may cite the dam at Campbelltown, Tasmania, which holds back 6,048,000,000 gallons, and was constructed at a cost of £7600.

"Of the various methods of conserving the rainfall, that which commends itself to our judgment as producing the largest results for the smallest outlay of capital is one which Nature itself has strongly impressed upon much of the flat, dry country of the western and south-western plains. A prominent characteristic of streams subject to flood flowing through long reaches of flat country is to choke up their channels and to deposit banks of alluvium upon their edges, so that, paradoxical as it may appear, their banks are often higher than the general level of the delta through which they run. The ordinary channel not being sufficient to carry off the floods discharged upon it in times of heavy rain, the water has in many districts cut subsidiary drains through the soft soil; and the result is that there have been formed may hundreds of miles (we believe we should be within the bounds of accuracy were we to say many thousands of miles) of canals into which the waters are backed up, until such time as, upon the subsidence of the inundation, they recede into the river at a point of outflow or run into it again at some lower part of its course. These effluent creeks, cowlas, warrambools, tallywalkas, billabongs, or anabranches, as they are variously called in different districts of the colony, often communicate with large natural depressions capable of being formed into permanent lakes. The works required to retain the flood-waters in these creeks and lakes would in most cases be few, simple, and inexpensive, so far as impounding the higher flood-waters are concerned; and all that would be necessary, besides improving and defining the channel, to keep them permanently supplied, would be to place moveable weirs across the rivers at the points of off-take, and sluice-gates in the creeks to prevent the return of the water to the main stream."

"A glance at the map of that portion of the colony lying between the Murray and the Murrumbidgee, both of which are to some extent fed by snow-waters after the rains have ceased, will show from one to two thousand miles of natural channels such as those to which we refer, which it is quite within the resources of those rich districts to make available. Judging merely from the map, this part of the colony is extremely well watered; but, for the want of systematic effort on the part of the inhabitants and of proper legal provision on the part of the State, the numerous creeks and rivers which intersect that area are nearly always dry, and the productive powers of the soil often paralyzed, while almost every year water sufficient to supply every demand for human and stock consumption and all other industrial purposes, including to a limited extent that of irrigation, is allowed to drain off to the ocean unused.

"The Government of Victoria and the residents of the Swan Hill Shire in that colony have recognised what may be done in this direction, by the enlargement of the outflow of the Murray into Gunbower Creek (a work to which this Commission has taken exception); and making provision for draining off water at the higher flood-levels into the bed of the Loddon, and thence into a numerous chain of swamps and lakes to the north-west. It is satisfactory to observe that the fall of the country on the New South Wales side of the Murray is specially favourable for the distribution of its water in the district between that river and the Billabong, as is exhibited by the numerous effluent creeks which carry the Murray flood-waters, beginning at a point near Tocumwall, and flowing north-west in the direction of Deniliquin, Baratta, on to near the junction of the Murrumbidgee.

"The works which Mr. Tyson has carried out near Oxley on the Lachlan River may be cited as a good illustration of the manner in which favourable conditions of surface level can be turned to practical account by even individual effort. Mr. Tyson says:—'I have made several cuttings from the back waters which have filled up a number of lakes, in some of which I have a supply of water for years to come. In one of these lakes the water is 50 feet deep. This cutting is from 1 to 6 miles long. I am making another cutting from Waljeers which will be about 20 miles in length. I make use of the natural depressions so far as they follow the course which the cutting is to take, and I excavate a canal in the ground between the depressions. Where I am making the cutting it is 30 feet wide, and from 4 to 7 feet in depth. I made another cutting between Lake Bonarey and the Merowie Creek. The lake was filled, and the water lasted for seven years, but during the last three years there has been no water in it. I only wish to intercept the flood water.' As a consequence of these improvements, from 40,000 to 50,000 sheep are depastured where not more than 20,000 could have been fed before.

"We are not disposed to ignore or make light of the constructive difficulties which would have to be overcome in any scheme which involved the placing of weirs across such rivers as the Darling, the Lachlan, the Murray, and the Murrumbidgee; but much of the conservation to which we have called attention could in periods of high floods be accomplished without making weirs, movable or otherwise, in the main streams below the points of off-take. In the absence of details such as can only be obtained after the preparation of plans and specifications, it would be unwise to say that the colony is not populous enough or rich enough to place weirs across the Darling or the Murrumbidgee. That such works, placed in properly selected positions, and carried out under proper professional supervision, could be constructed there is no reason to doubt. In the absence of any special examination and study of the question by the engineers in the service of the Government, it may not be out of place to refer to the opinions of non-professional witnesses, of whom Mr. R. C. Webb may be taken as an example. He says that if a weir were well constructed on the Darling there would be nothing to prevent its standing, as there is no heavy rush of water in the river; and that even such rough and cheaply constructed dams as have been placed by private individuals across the Lachlan stand well enough until they are cut away when water is wanted. The dams which have been made by private individuals in different parts of the colony, particularly the overshot dams in the Culgoa and Birie, and weirs such as those which have been successfully constructed by the Victorian Water Trusts over the Loddon and other rivers, may be taken as a clear indication of what may be safely attempted on a somewhat larger scale, with special caution as to the accumulation of silt. This, however, is a class of work in regard to which we should proceed tentatively and with great caution; and, above all, it is of the utmost importance that no weir should be constructed in any river until after such surveys have been made and levels taken as will fully determine the effect which such weir would have on the river and on the adjacent country. The sites for weirs will require to be selected with great care. The rocky bars which are frequently found in the western rivers, and particularly in the Darling, will probably afford the best sites for weirs in those rivers. Hence, before removing or interfering with any bar, the possibility of its being required for a weir site should be well considered.

"Some of the peculiar circumstances with which we have to deal are extremely favourable. Thus, for an example, in many districts the fall in the creeks is so small that for every foot in vertical height the water would be held back nearly a mile. The subsoil of the country throughout nearly the whole of the Darling basins consists of impermeable clay, and no better holding-ground for water could be desired. A similar remark applies to a great portion of the country between the Murray and the Murrumbidgee. In the case of newly excavated dams, from which the water is found to soak away rapidly, pastoralists find that they can be easily puddled by the trampling of sheep, and in the second year form perfectly good holding-ground. Once the creeks of the district were thoroughly well saturated the loss of water by percolation would not be excessive. It is in cases where their beds become dry and cracked by long exposure to the sun that the loss of water is so great; and it is one of the heavy drawbacks which accompany the present intermittent system of flooding that the enormous amount of absorption from the bed of the channels until saturation point is reached prevents the waters from the rivers when in moderate flood from flowing more than half the distance which they would otherwise run; and hence it happens that the settlers who live at distances of from 60 to 100 miles from the point of off-take receive no benefit from moderate floods in such rivers as the Murrumbidgee, more particularly when the flood is of short duration. Irrespective of the great body of experience which has been obtained on this point, the opinion of the Government Geologist is assuring. He states that if canals were made on the lower part of the Darling, the soil is sufficiently impermeable to allow of the carrying of water through the country by means of canals. 'For a year or so perhaps the water might percolate through, but after that the sides of the canal would become puddled; then the water would not soak away.' And again, 'I have known races to be cut through sandy soil, and after the water has been flowing through it for a year they have become practically impermeable. In the Riverina country the water soaks away from some of the banks and dams during the first season. I think that a scheme of canalization is perfectly practicable.'

"Not only is the soil from its nature well adapted for the storage of water in the beds of creeks and other natural depressions, but it is extremely favourable, also, as to general surface level, for the formation of canals and subsidiary channels for the distribution of water over the plains. Throughout hundreds of miles of country the occurrence of rock or stones is phenomenal, so that the excavation necessary for this purpose can be done at a cheap rate. Excavations made by Mr. James Tyson, jun., on his stations in the Lachlan district, by means of bullocks and scoops, have been done at a cost on an average of about 1s. per yard."

TANKS AND DAMS.

On the subject of tanks and dams the report contains the following:—

"During the last 15 years the great waterless districts to the west and north of the Darling, have been reclaimed from their normal condition, in which neither man nor beast could live, except immediately after rain, and have been made to contribute to the pastoral production of the colony. The principal means by which this important extension of the habitable boundaries of New South Wales has been accomplished has been by the excavation of tanks and the construction of dams, wherever the configuration of the colony admitted of the latter means of storage, as on the Culgoa, Warrego, and Paroo.

"The construction of dams in the older settled and more thickly peopled districts to the south-west has, owing to the want of proper legislation, been to a large extent prevented by the risk of having them destroyed. One case may serve as an illustration of many. We quote from a communication made to us by the Hon. W. A. Brodribb. About the early part of 1858 a party of men went up the creek in the middle of the night and destroyed the Coree dam, the property of Messrs. F. and G. Desailly, who repaired it, and for weeks kept armed men to prevent it being destroyed again. However, a party of 12 men went up the creek and destroyed about 23 dams, under the impression that their runs would be supplied with water. This destruction of property was perpetrated by men who had neglected to secure water by construction of dams when the creek flowed through to the Edward River for weeks, but they were doomed to disappointment, for, having cut the dams, they found the water did not run more than two or three miles below each dam. They came to my house on the 17th November, 1858, and told me they had burnt my upper dam by fire, there being no water in the dam at the time. They went to my house dam and cut away two panels, but there was very little water in the dam at the time. I prosecuted them before the Deniliquin Court of Petty Sessions, and three of them were committed to take their trial at the Goulburn Quarter Sessions to be holden on the 10th January, 1859. I had to go by Melbourne, thence by water to Sydney, and on by mail coach to Goulburn; and, after all, the men were acquitted, and afterwards brought an action for damages against the magistrates for committing them, and I had to attend at the Supreme Court in Sydney at a great deal of inconvenience. The case went on for 16 days, when the men withdrew it, and they had to pay all costs. I repaired the dam after it was cut. This dam had been constructed 28 years back, and has never been empty since, and has supplied the Wanganella township with water, besides having supplied the stations on each side with water.

"The excavation of tanks has been a work of enormous difficulty and cost, owing to the necessity of having to cart water, as well as other supplies, from the last frontier line of settlement at which the rain had been conserved. In selecting sites for tanks care has had to be taken to fix upon localities having a catchment area sufficient to supply the number of sheep to be watered at them, and where, from the slope of the surface, by means of shallow drains extending for long distances, even the smallest amount of running water might be conducted into the tank. None but those having at command a considerable capital could undertake works of the magnitude required to store water sufficient to supply the requirements of their stock for a period of from one to two years.

"It is probable that there is no part of the colony which is absolutely without rain for so long a time as two years, but the contingency which has to be provided against in some localities of the interior is practically of that nature, as the rains which fall are generally so small in quantity as to be at once absorbed by the arid surface. In 1876 it was stated, on what the Government Astronomer considered to be good authority, that on one station on the Bogan no rain had fallen for thirty months; and Mr. Licensed Surveyor Donaldson, writing from 80 miles above Gongolgan, said that 'in the five years, 1864 to 1868, 37 months have been absolutely without rain, unless for five or ten minutes; eleven months have been distinguished by only one or two good showers, or perhaps a day or two of light rain, leaving only twelve months in which there was good rain. The Bogan has only run through to the Darling five times in five years; and two very slight freshes have only gone part of the way down.' Under such untoward conditions, tanks of small holding capacity would altogether fail; and it may be that one of the causes why so many selectors have been starved off their holdings is their inability to provide themselves with large and deep storage for water. In droughts such as those immediately referred to tanks would require to have a capacity of from 15,000 to 20,000 cubic yards, and a depth of about 20 feet.

"In the most approved form of construction the water flows through a small silt-pit previous to entering the tank. The material excavated from the tank is deposited all round the edges, where it quickly consolidates and greatly enlarges the capacity of the tank, while at the same time the banks serve to shelter the water from the play of dry winds which sweep away the moisture as quickly as it is evaporated over the water surface, and which, in tanks not so sheltered, cause sufficient movement upon the water surface as to sensibly affect the amount of soakage from splashing against the banks. In tanks of this description, where the slope of the surface does not permit their being filled by flumes, horse-pumps, stationary engines, and windmills have been found very useful for the purpose of pumping water over the embankment, and so filling the higher levels. Where tanks are constructed in this way the quantity of silt brought into them is reduced to a minimum, and provision is made by pumping appliances for watering at troughs, thereby preventing silting and damage to the banks, and the pollution and waste of water in fleeces of sheep where the animals are allowed to drink direct from the tanks. Doyle, stock inspector, is of opinion that a tank having a capacity of 10,000 yards will give a supply for a longer time with pumping than one of 20,000 to which the sheep are allowed to go direct, as they carry in silt and carry out water in their fleeces. In some cases tanks 18 feet deep to which sheep have had direct access have been silted up in five years; hence the necessity of the newer mode of construction.

"The conservation of water in tanks in this colony has been more extensively carried on than that by any other means. It is applicable to a much larger area of country than that upon which dams can be made, and experience seems to have convinced pastoralists that it is far more certain and economical than the sinking of wells. If, however, the search which has been made for underground water had been made in the light of the information supplied by the Government Geologist as to the strata in which water might be expected in different parts of the colony, it is probable that much of the enormous loss of capital which has taken place in well-sinking would have been avoided. We observe that, in the report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for 1884, that officer, from the information supplied to him, estimates that the total number of tanks excavated in the colony was 17,071, and that the expenditure upon them has been £3,960,472, or an average cost for each of £232. He puts down the number of dams at 8579, and their total cost at £835,838.

"Of late years Parliament has made annual appropriations for providing water on the stock routes in the remote dry districts of the colony, and upwards of £200,000 has been expended upon that object. At the beginning of this year there had been handed by the Roads Department (which constructs works for water supply to stock in localities indicated upon the recommendation of the inspector of public tanks and wells) to the Department of Mines seven wells, four dams, 10 springs, and 35 tanks, the aggregate of the tanks being 73,500,000 gallons, or an average of 2,450,000 each. There were 21 others almost ready to transfer, having a capacity of 69,000,000 gallons, or an average of 3,250,000 gallons per tank. It is expected that at the end of 1885 there will be a total of 134 watering-places in charge of the inspector of tanks and wells; and, taking the average standard distance apart as 15 miles, this represents provision for something like 2000 miles of road. (Q. 3427.) When the tanks are not leased they are placed in charge of caretakers, who report, through the stock inspector of the district, weekly to the head of the department in Sydney. Charges are made for supplying water to stock, but the revenue derived (about £400 per annum) is less than one-tenth of the cost of supervision, so that construction and maintenance are wholly defrayed from the public revenue. The extremely dry weather during the last year or two has made it exceedingly difficult to obtain contractors for works of this description in the remote districts, and hence it is that larger provision has not been possible. In the event of a system of local trusts for purposes of water supply being called into existence, it may be expected that the Government will be in a position to hand over the tanks already made to the care of the local bodies, and so save a large proportion of the outlay for supervision and maintenance which has now to be incurred; and that the annual appropriations made for watering stock routes will be available as subsidy to induce local bodies to make provision for supplying water to travelling stock where necessary as part of the general scheme to meet the requirements of their districts.

"In Queensland the railway embankments have been used as a subsidiary means of storing water, more particularly at Rocky Creek, Tolmies Range, Wallaroo, and the 151st mile on the Central Railway, with the most satisfactory results, and the Engineer for Central Queensland, Mr. R. Ballard, states that he considers that, since the Queensland railways generally run east and west, and the flow of the water is generally north and south, the system is one which should be largely adopted. There may be circumstances in which embankments may be make to serve the double purpose of railway traffic and water storage, but they are probably exceptional, and engineers generally incline to the opinion that the danger to the stability of the road would outweigh any advantage likely to be gained by such shallow storage as would be practicable."

A GREAT WATER TOWER.

(*From the Morning Post, September 17.*)

Some seven or eight years ago Mr. John Lockwood, hydraulic engineer, proposed what appeared to most people at the time as a startling scheme for introducing into the heart of New York a vast body of sea water, to be used in putting out fires, and also for the sanitary purposes of washing the streets and flushing the sewers. His plan met at the time with but a cool reception, but it has now been taken up by a corporation formed under the name of the "Metropolitan Water Company," and seems to be on the point of being carried out. The area to be included in the operations of the new company comprises the entire island from the Battery to Fifty-ninth-street, which means all the most densely populated portion of New York. At every point in this large district the scheme proposes to make an irresistible volume of water available at a moment's notice, so that anything like an extended conflagration, such as have visited Chicago and Boston, and even parts of New York, would be almost impossible. Mr. Lockwood proposes to construct a massive tower of brick and stone, 100 feet in diameter, and 350 feet high above tide water, the site chosen being Union-square, about halfway between the Battery and Fifty-ninth street. An alternative construction, but located in the same place, is a huge standpipe 80 feet in diameter and 350 feet in height, having a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons of water. This immense reservoir is to be kept filled with salt water from either the Hudson or East River, or both, by means of triplicate sets of pumping machinery, of an aggregate capacity of 1750 horse power. From the reservoir, lines of pipes will radiate in all directions. They will vary in diameter from 8 inches to 20 inches, and will be connected by cross pipes of 10 inches to 36 inches every half mile. The hydrants will be ready for constant use, and will be so placed that no fire can occur at a distance from them of more than 490 feet. Twenty-eight hydrants could be brought to bear on any fire with hose varying in length from 100 feet to 500 feet, and as each hydrant is to have four openings this would give 112 streams. Using longer hose, but not exceeding 1000 feet in lengths, 68 hydrants, or 272 streams of water, could be made available. The head of water thus brought to bear against the flames would equal 300 feet to 350 feet, less the elevation of the locality above the tide. Such a vast body of water could, of course, be needed only in time of widespread conflagration; but it is proposed to utilise this abundance at ordinary times in thoroughly washing the streets in all parts of New York, and consequently flushing the sewers, salt water being besides an excellent disinfectant. The scheme has the countenance of Mr. William J. M'Alpine, an eminent engineer, who built the well-known Chicago Waterworks, and his endorsement appears to have made it popular. The sanitary advantages of the undertaking are obvious; but there are several practical objections to the plan, which, however, it is believed, can be overcome. In the lower portions of New York, where the water would be under full head, the force of a stream several inches in diameter might be irresistible in other ways than fire extinguishing. With the reservoir full, and making due allowance for friction of the water in the pipes, there would be many hydrants where the head of water would amount to 300 feet. This means a pressure of 10 atmospheres, or 150lb. to the square inch, which would require the best material and the most careful workmanship to keep the system in order, and make it effective. The Metropolitan Water Company is ready to supply all the necessary plant at its own expense if the New York city authorities will sign a contract for a definite term of years, and a specified price per annum for each hydrant, it being understood that no rental is to be paid until the work is completed and the water available for use. Negotiations are still proceeding between the company and the city.

The acreage devoted to the cultivation of tobacco in the United States has increased from 638,841 acres in 1880 to 700,000 acres at the present time, while the product has increased from 472,661,000lb. to 600,000,000lb. Up to 1870 Virginia was in the lead as a tobacco-manufacturing State, but in that year Kentucky took the lead. The latest crop of that State is the largest crop ever raised, except that of 1877, when the crop was 181,484,000lb. The high prices in domestic tobacco have given an impetus to foreign brands. Considerable quantities of Havana and Sumatra have arrived at the American ports to make good the scarcity at home. All the Sumatra tobacco was received under the 35 per cent. duty. The great cheap tobacco centre is Louisville. Last year there were sold in the eleven large warehouses there 88,900 hogsheads. The consumption of cigars and tobacco has grown with surprising rapidity. In 1863 the number of cigars manufactured was 200,000,000. Last year the number was no less than 3,867,645,910, or 19 times as many. The production of tobacco in 1863 was 23,852,387lb.; last year it was 170,361,658lb., or 7½ times as much. The use of cigars grows much more rapidly than that of tobacco. Nevertheless, the culture of tobacco in the United States has already assumed such dimensions as to prove that it will become a great industry.

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ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL AT ADELAIDE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

The Orient Company's R. M. S. Orient, Captain Hewison, arrived here this morning from London and Plymouth. The following is the list of passengers:—

For SYDNEY: Mr., Mrs., and Miss Cracknell, Mr. and Mrs. Philip May, Mr. and Mrs. A. List, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Ralston, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Waddington, Rev. and Mrs. Morrish, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Oatway and 2 daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. M'Lean, Mr. and Mrs. James Young, Mr. and Mrs. Dale and 2 children, Mrs. Winkworth, Miss A. Smith, Miss Alderley, Miss Grey, Miss Gunyon, Miss Colvin, Mrs. Marfell, Miss Lever, Miss Taplin, Mrs. Easton, Miss M'Neill, Mrs. and Miss Molenaar, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. M'Causland, Miss Greenwood, Messrs. Paton, Tunnecliffe, Chittenden, Harwood, Bradley (2), Black, Wallis, Methven, Young, Turnell, Proris, Luce, Tod, N. Ralston, Francis, Marris, D. Cooper, Liskin, Barlow, Solway, Bosch, Hartland, Loisil, Molenaar, Irving (2), Pierce, Barker, Hackett, Brook, and Russell.

For MELBOURNE: Mr. and Mrs. M'Gingan and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs. Balharry, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ponting and family, Misses Stiles, Nicholas, M'Pherson, Dowman, Derken, Hamilton (2), Evans, McCarthy, Benton, Mrs. Lupton, Blain, Messrs. Griffin, Tayce, Hechle, Pereira, Foster, Lowe, Dietrich, Bolingbroke, Hartley (2) senior, Lax, Molla, Evans, Rev. R. Hamilton.

For ADELAIDE: Mr. and Mrs. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Moyle, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burge, Mr. and Mrs. Sayer, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Miss Hulme, Mrs. and Master Gray, Captain Reid, Messrs. Sheldon, Hulme, Murfoot, Smith, and George, and 420 in other classes for all ports.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

LONDON, Nov. 20.

The Bulgarian war, which commenced with an uninterrupted series of successes for Servia, has now taken a turn in favour of Bulgaria. The Servian advance seemed so resistless that King Milan's entry into Sofia was confidently predicted for the end of the present week; but Prince Alexander's gallant reply before Slivinitsa has turned the tide, and he may yet perhaps redeem the day. The Servian army crossed the frontier at several points early on the morning of the 14th instant; but the Bulgarians retired before them except at Isaribrod, where a sharp skirmish occurred, the Bulgarians losing 34 killed and wounded and 50 prisoners. The Servians subsequently occupied Isaribrod and the road to Wragoman Pass. King Milan took personal command of the Pirot division of the Servian army. Servia made no formal declaration of war before taking action, a pretext being alleged that the Bulgarian troops had crossed into Servia near Vlassana, in the Vranta district, and attacked the Servians, thereupon the Servian commanders ordered a march. Prince Alexander denied that his troops had violated the frontier, and telegraphed to the Sultan, asking the intention of his Suzerain as regards the maintenance of the integrity of the Ottoman Empire. Prince Alexander subsequently telegraphed twice to the Sultan and the Grand Vizier, without obtaining a response, but finally, however, the Sultan replied that Prince Alexander had brought the war on himself, in violating the treaty of Berlin by annexing Roumelia, and thereby giving a pretext for the Servian aggression. The Porte, therefore, before taking any other steps, called on Prince Alexander to revert to the territorial limits prescribed by the Berlin treaty, and to renounce Roumelia. Meanwhile the Porte confined itself to posting a corps of observation on the Greek and Servian frontiers. The first serious resistance made by the Bulgarians was at Irn, where a severely contested engagement was fought on the 15th instant, and the Servian assault was renewed on the morrow, when the Bulgarians at length gave way. The Bulgarians subsequently evacuated the Dragoman Pass. The other divisions of the Servian army were equally victorious. Leshjamin gained a complete victory over the Widdin division of the Bulgarian army, in which the latter lost heavily in killed and wounded, besides a thousand prisoners being captured. Bresnik and Radomir, to the west of Sofia, were also taken. After evacuating the Dragonian pass the Bulgarian army retreated to Slivnitza, about 16 miles to the north-west of Sofia. The advancing Servians occupied some positions threatening Slivnitza, and from these the Bulgarians, personally led by Prince Alexander, who displayed remarkable energy and distinguished courage, made a determined and successful effort to dislodge them on the 17th. The battle raged for 18 hours, the Servians having 25,000 men, commanded by King William in person, and the Bulgarians from 15,000 to 20,000 men, under Prince Alexander. The Servian positions were finally carried by assault, the Servians losing 3000 men. The battle was renewed yesterday, but no details are yet to hand. The Servians, however, admit they were again defeated, and were compelled to fall back on the Dragoman Pass, towards which Servian reinforcements are now being hurried. Sofia is still menaced by two other Servian armies, one of which is advancing from Bresnik, and the other by way of the Gintzi Pass. The latter, however, has already received a check from the Bulgarians, while the Servian corps, advancing from the north-west, with the object of joining the division which has been operating against Slivnitza, was repulsed yesterday near Slavinga by the Bulgarian right wing, and driven back for a distance of eight miles. Since his defeats of the 17th and 18th, King Milan has left the front and returned to Pirot. These defeats are attributed to tactical and strategical blunders committed by General Jovanovitch, the Servian commander, who, in consequence, has been removed from the command, and is to be tried by Court Martial. The Bulgarian victory was received with much satisfaction in England and on the continent generally, where much sympathy for Prince Alexander prevailed. The opinion is that Servia has wantonly entered upon an unjust and fratricidal war.

Turkey seems decidedly disinclined to interfere between Bulgaria and Servia, and is much more interested in the action that Greece may take. The Greeks are becoming more and more excited, and some movement towards Macedonia and the Epirus is daily expected. It is believed, however, that Turkey will have no difficulty in repelling a Greek invasion. The gravest element in the whole situation is the danger of Austrian and Russian interests clashing to such a degree as to render it impossible to keep up the pretence of an alliance between the two empires.

At a meeting this week of the Executive Commissioners of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, Sir P. Cunliffe Owen said that all the exhibits should be in the buildings not later than April 15. Sir Saul Samuel specially insisted on being present at the meeting. The Agents-General held a meeting on the 16th, at which it was decided to advise the various colonial Governments to make a joint exhibition of gold-treating instruments.

The Second Chamber of the Dutch Legislature have rejected, by 49 against 21 votes, a proposal to make a considerable grant to the Dutch Geographical Society, towards the expenses of a projected scientific expedition for exploring the Dutch half of New Guinea. Several of the speakers expressed their apprehension of the political consequences of any present attempt to draw closer the bonds connecting Holland and New Guinea, and urged the inexpediency of Holland just now inaugurating a more active colonial policy.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

ARMIDALE, WEDNESDAY.

Hundreds of thousands of sheep from the west of Queensland are coming to this district, and a large number have actually reached New England, where grass and water were abundant before the recent rains. All the available country has been rented for short periods by sheepowners from Queensland and westward, whose flocks were dying.

JERILDERIE, WEDNESDAY.

There are no stock movements at present in this district, the owners having plenty of grass and water, and are holding back for a higher market. The country is looking splendid.

REVIEW.

The Australian Portrait Gallery and Memoirs of Representative Colonial Men. Published by the Southern Cross Publishing Company, 96, Pitt-street, Sydney. 1885.

By the publication of the first volume of the "Australian Portrait Gallery," a praiseworthy attempt has been made to supply a want that is sufficiently manifest. The records of the lives of public men form a political history which takes at once its own place in the annals their careers illustrate, while chronicling in their proper order and sequence the various steps and epochs of that history with which their lives associate themselves. In this volume we have them placed before us in a clear, concise, and readable form, and it depends upon the support of the public whether this series of publications, which, when completed, will form a continuous political history of Australia, shall continue its career. The usefulness of such a book cannot be over-estimated, for hitherto, except in biographical dictionaries and dry-as-dust reference books, few attempts have been made to collate the records of public events as they connect themselves with the lives of the public men of Australia. Moreover, the writer or writers of these articles have, with two exceptions, approached their subjects in a calm and judicial spirit of inquiry. In these memoirs the public lives of public men alone are dealt with; and these are considered only as throwing light on their public career. The twenty-four public personages dealt with in the volume are Sir John Robertson, Hon. W. B. Dalley, Sir Alexander Stuart, Sir Henry Parkes, Sir James Martin, William Charles Wentworth, Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, Rev. John Dunmore Lang, Sir Edward Deas-Thomson, Sir Charles Cowper, Sir Alfred Stephen, Hon. William Macleay, Sir John Hay, the late and the present Bishops of Sydney, Hon. James Norton, Hon. G. R. Dibbs, Sir Patrick Jennings, Hon. John Macarthur, Hon. Joseph Trickett, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Justice Faucett, Hon. William Foster, and the Minister for Lands. Each critical study is a chapter in itself, giving a clear and succinct account of the subject's career, political character, and public achievements. The study of Mr. Dalley is a very complete one; no detail of his distinguished legal, literary, or political career is omitted; but it is the fullest of that particular "high falutin" which distinguishes biographers during the life-time of the object of their eulogy, although there can be no doubt that much of the praise bestowed on the subject of this panegyric is thoroughly deserved. Only the following passage is suggestive of one of Ouida's heroes:—"To an exquisite taste and a faultlessly fastidious charm of diction he adds, in his literary style, a matchless grace and a magical skill in the choice of words and in the framing of phrases, forming, for the pearls of fancy and scholarship as they fall, precipitated in glittering crystals from his jewelled pen, a setting which is unrivalled in the appropriate richness of its chasing." The remainder of the twenty-four sketches are plain, unvarnished statements of facts that err neither in the direction of irritating adulation nor unnecessary vituperation. Perhaps the most interesting of all the biographies are those of the early pioneers of the colony—William Charles Wentworth, John Dunmore Lang, Deas-Thomson, and Sir Charles Cowper. They will appeal to the general, in contradistinction to the political reader, as the times were more stirring and their lives fuller of incident and excitement. Twelve pages of this volume are devoted to a republication of the Constitution Act, and 112 closely-printed pages to a history of the Soudan expedition. This is an exhaustive description of the events relating to the levy, dispatch, and return of the New South Wales Contingent. In the future such a carefully compiled account will be of great usefulness and interest; but at the present time all the circumstances connected with the affair are so fresh in the minds of our readers that we need only record the fact of the existence of these appendices. The volume will afford information to the general reader, and should form in the future a valuable work of reference. The interest is enhanced by an authentic and well-executed portrait of each character treated, from the pencil of Mr. W. Macleod. The volume is very well got up in paper, printing, binding, and matter. The portraits are presented in the most artistic style of photo-lithographic art; and the publishers' reliance "on the public spirit and the patriotic feelings of the public to justify the great expense entailed by the entire preparation within the colony of such a costly work" will probably be justified.

THE MINISTERIAL ELECTIONS.

The writs for the re-election of the members of the new Government were issued yesterday. The following are the arrangements for the elections:—

MUDGEE.—Place of nomination, Mudgee; date of writ Wednesday, 23rd December; date of nomination, Wednesday, 6th January, 1886; polling day, Monday, 11th January; return of writ, Monday, 25th January. Returning officer, Mr. Henry Crossing, J.P.

THE HUNTER.—Place of nomination, Lochinvar; date of writ, Wednesday, 23rd December; date of nomination, Wednesday, 6th January, 1886; polling day, Monday, 11th January; return of writ, Monday, 25th January. Returning officer, Mr. John Lee, J.P., West Maitland.

BALMAIN.—Place of nomination, Balmain; date of writ, Wednesday, 23rd December; date of nomination, Wednesday, 6th January, 1886; polling day, Friday, 8th January; return of writ, Monday, 25th January. Returning officer, Mr. T. S. Rowntree, Balmain.

YOUNG.—Place of nomination, Young; date of writ, Wednesday, 23rd December; date of nomination, Wednesday, 6th January, 1886; polling day, Monday, 11th January; return of writ, Monday, 25th January. Returning officer, Mr. John Theophilus Heeley, J.P.

THE HASTINGS AND MANNING.—Place of nomination, Taree; date of writ, Wednesday, December 23; date of nomination, Wednesday, January 6, 1886; polling day, Monday, January 11; return of writ, Monday, January 25. Returning officer, Mr. John Lowry Ruthven, J.P.

YASS PLAINS.—Place of nomination, Yass; date of writ, Wednesday, 23rd December; date of nomination, Wednesday, 6th January, 1886; polling day, Monday, 11th January; return of writ, Monday, 25th January. Returning officer, Mr. Edward Arthur Iceton.

WEST SYDNEY.—Place of nomination, Town Hall enclosure; date of writ, Wednesday, 23rd December; date of nomination, Tuesday, 5th January, 1886; polling day, Thursday, 7th January; return of writ, Monday, 25th January. Returning officer, Mr. William Henry Simpson.

GRENFELL.—Place of nomination, Grenfell; date of writ, Wednesday, 23rd December; date of nomination, Wednesday, 6th January, 1886; polling day, Monday, 11th January; return of writ, Monday, 25th January. Returning officer, Mr. William Howarth Senior, J.P.

THE KOGARAH MUNICIPALITY.

A supplement to the *Government Gazette*, published yesterday, contains the following proclamation:—

"Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

"Whereas the Municipalities Act of 1867 provides for the constitution of a municipality on receipt of a petition signed by not fewer than fifty persons, who would upon incorporation be liable to be assessed for municipal taxes in respect of property or household residence within the area proposed to be so incorporated. And whereas a petition, signed by 300 persons liable to be so assessed upon such incorporation, has been received by the Governor, praying for a municipality, to be styled the 'municipal district of Kogarah.' And whereas the substance and prayer of such petition have been duly published in the *Government Gazette* and otherwise, in accordance with the said Act. Now, therefore, I, Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, and with the advice of the Executive Council, do, by this my proclamation declare that the area hereinafter described shall be and the same is hereby constituted a municipality, under the name and style of the municipal district of Kogarah, viz.:—

"Commencing at the intersection of the Illawarra railway line with the northern shore of George's River; and bounded thence by the centre of that railway line northerly, easterly, and again northerly, to its intersection with the centre of Harrow-road, as shown on plan catalogued M 2-2398, in the Surveyor-General's office; thence by the centre of that road south-easterly to its intersection with the centre of the Rocky Point-road; thence by the centre of that road to George's River aforesaid; and thence by that river upwards, to the point of commencement.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the colony, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign.

"By His Excellency's command,
"P. A. JENNINGS.
"God save the Queen."

THE NATIONAL ART GALLERY.

OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING.

The portion of the National Art Gallery which is now completed in the Domain was opened yesterday at noon by his Excellency the Governor. Admission was by ticket, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Amongst the gentlemen were Sir Alfred Stephen, Sir John Hay, Sir Patrick Jennings, Sir Alexander Stuart, Sir Edward Strickland, the Hon. W. Brodribb, M.L.C., the Hon. J. Lucas, M.L.C., the Hon. P. G. King, M.L.C., Messrs. G. R. Dibbs, Inglis, De C. Brown, Forsyth, Humphery, Gormley, E. W. O'Sullivan, R. Butcher, N. Bull, R. B. Smith, W. Henson, J. C. Neild, Creer, W. J. Trickett, J. M. Purves, F. Abigail, J. B. Olliffe, J. Davies, and J. Sutherland, members of the Legislative Assembly; Dr. Barry, the Primate of Australia; Mr. Justice Windeyer, Mr. Justice Faucett, Colonel Speedy, Dr. Garran, and Messrs. J. J. Calvert, J. Rae, L. J. Harnett, H. Hunt, C. Cowper, C. Moore, H. Wood, P. N. Trebeck, S. Cook, Robison, T. Robison.

The new building was intended to be a marked improvement upon the old one near the gates of the Botanic Gardens, and there is no doubt that it is. It is much larger and brighter, and the pictures in it appear to much greater advantage—revealing, in fact, details that were not possibly observable in them before. The principal pictures have now distinct positions assigned to them in the principal hall, which is 108 feet by 70 feet, and are not mixed up with others as they used to be. The pictures generally are arranged in the following manner:—Water colours in room 100 feet by 30 feet; oil paintings in a room 100 by 40 feet; black and whites and monochromes in a room 100 by 30; and pictures lent for exhibition in a room 47 by 40. There is also a vase-room 47 by 30; while a spare room, a meeting-room for the trustees, and a lobby occupy a space measuring 103 feet by 70 feet.

The Governor and the Hon. Lady Carrington arrived punctually at noon, the time appointed for the ceremony, and they were attended by Lieutenant Terry, one of his Excellency's aides-de-camp. The party were met by Sir Alfred Stephen, chairman of the board of trustees, and the Hon. H. C. Dangar, M.L.C., and Messrs. E. L. Montefiore and E. Du Faur, trustees of the institution, and were by them conducted to a platform erected near the centre of the principal hall.

Sir ALFRED STEPHEN said that, at length, the trustees of the National Art Gallery were able to congratulate their fellow colonists on the possession of a building, in which—however incomplete, and as yet architecturally unadorned,—the treasures collected in it could be retained without danger, and exhibited without the discomfort attendant on contracted space. It was his privilege, as Chairman of the Board, while offering that congratulation to the public, to thank his Excellency on behalf of the trustees for his attendance, and consenting to honour them—as they would ask him to do—by declaring the new Gallery open. To that kindness they were indebted for the additional pleasure of the presence, always so welcome, of Lady Carrington and the other members of that better sex, who were good enough to grace the occasion. A few words might be forgiven them in reference to the gallery as a National Institution; tracing briefly its origin and establishment, until eventually its home in that unfinished structure. The gallery, now so largely supported, owed its existence to a small society formed in 1871, of which the late Thomas Sutcliffe Mort—a name than which none was more worthily known among them—Mr. Montefiore, and Mr. Du Faur, its indefatigable vice-president and secretary, and seven or eight more, were the sole members. Its means were very limited, it possessed no settled habitation, and during the first three years it had neither Parliamentary aid nor recognition. On the motion of Mr. Combes, however, a member of the Assembly, a grant of £500 was made in its favour; and in 1875, at the instance of Mr. Watson, the Assembly voted £1000—which was declared to be "in aid of the society, and towards the formation of a Gallery of Art." In the following year, its present national character was imposed on the society by the appointment of trustees, all being members of it, to superintend from time to time the Parliamentary expenditure. Thus, from a humble beginning, arose the grander institution of to-day, and thus occurred also the transition from the struggling "Academy of Art" to its now permanent and appropriate name. In the meantime, an art training school had been established, casts from the antique and other models procured for art study, and sundry water-colour drawings purchased—all that could then be afforded—but among which were some of the best examples in that department. The more generous Parliamentary votes of succeeding years enabled the trustees to add materially to their collection in other walks of art. To individuals, also, and to some public bodies and foreign Governments, the gallery has been indebted for many interesting works. The casts of the more celebrated statues—the Venus of Milo, and of the Medici, the Apollo, the Boxers, the Dying Gladiator, and some others, were the gift of Sir Charles Nicholson. But the most extensive, and still among the most attractive of our acquisitions were the pictures purchased by the trustees in 1879, at the International Exhibition in Sydney in that year—comprising selections from the Austrian, Belgian, French, German, and English Courts. A few other art treasures, also, were bought for the gallery by Sir Henry Parkes, from the International Exhibition of the same year at Melbourne. All these, their accumulations up to that date, were in September, 1880, at a meeting presided over by his Excellency Lord Augustus Loftus, formally thrown open to the public. The intervening period had witnessed the increasing interest taken by all classes in their work, the steady support of Parliament, and the consequent yearly additions to the gallery. In 1880 they had 44 oil paintings; they had now 88. There were then 33 water-colour drawings; the number now was 79. They had of engravings, sketches, and drawings in "black and white" only 15 specimens; there were now 11a. Their statues in bronze, marble, or terra-cotta were six only; there were now 13—some acquired at great cost. One was munificently presented by Mr. Thomas Walker. Other art works had increased in the same or a similar proportion. He must ask his Excellency the indulgence of yet some moments, to introduce a topic which had exercised the pens, occupied the thoughts, and troubled the imaginations of certain aesthetic critics in our aesthetic city. They were pleased to maintain that the external aspect of the building was not handsome. The trustees most readily confessed the fact. It was undeniably ugly. But so he humbly conceived was any other straight brick wall forming the inner portion of a structure of whatever kind. The mistake of their critics had been the forming of an opinion without knowledge of the facts—possibly without inquiry respecting them. The state of the building recently occupied, which in 1880 and until the present erection was the only available one, had been found for some years to be not objectionable merely, but dangerous. It was exposed to the risks of fire, and destruction by the white ant; while the pictures were gradually, and in some instances rapidly, being ruined by atmospheric changes, and by damp. It was therefore necessary to provide without delay a solid structure, where these valuable works of art should at least be safe; where, moreover, they could be viewed with advantage, equally to the works themselves as to the spectators. The result was that which they saw around them. With the limited means at his command, the Minister presiding over that department could not have effected more. Utility with the necessity for immediate action had been his present care. The interior walls alone, therefore, were there. Necessary extensions, with external ornamentation, might be the work of to-morrow. All that would depend, of course, on Parliament. But that they might not be thought to have in these respects overlooked the future, they asked attention to the carefully-prepared drawings near the platform, showing the ground plan and elevation at present proposed. They would doubtless be found to admit of improvement. In any event they were fairly open to criticism. They submitted them, with the one sole desire that such a structure would finally be there raised as would be worthy of its object, and of the city and colony to which they belonged. Yet one word. A new Ministerial head of that department entered that day on his duties. It would be well for their continuing work, and for the trustees, if they received from that gentleman the same ready consideration and assistance which they had at all times experienced in their intercourse with Mr. Trickett.

His EXCELLENCY said that it afforded Lady Carrington and himself great pleasure to be present on such an interesting occasion. He was pleased himself to think that the opening of the gallery had been delayed until their arrival. In looking around the walls he saw several old friends—"The Widower" to his right, and "Rorke's Drift" at his left; and he believed there was a picture in the gallery in which he had a certain family interest—a picture by the greatest of their living artists, Sir J. E. Millais. The picture was "The Captive," and the lady who stood for the figure in it had been recently married to his sister's son. He had never seen the picture, but he looked forward to doing so with a great deal of interest. He also thought they ought to congratulate themselves on having as trustees gentlemen who evidently took such an interest in their work—such as his friend Sir Alfred Stephen, who had been president ever since the commencement of the institution, and Mr. Montefiore, a name so well known all over the world in connection with charitable movements and other good works; and Mr. Du Faur, who, as their secretary, had for 15 years given such close and unremitting attention to his duties. Before he performed the formal duty of opening so beautiful a collection of pictures to the public of New South Wales it was his duty to call upon the secretary to make a few remarks.

Mr. DU FAUR said that a period of 14 years had elapsed during which the administration of details connected with their National Art Gallery and with the Academy of Art, to which it owed its origin, had devolved on himself as honorary secretary and treasurer—which duties he undertook *pro tem.* while acting as a member of council of the Academy, and had continued to the present day as a trustee of the Gallery. As he felt that the time was approaching when such honorary duties would become too heavy and responsible to be carried on by a private individual, he was glad to be allowed the present opportunity of placing on record a few statistics in relation to the administration of the funds so liberally afforded by the Legislature, during the last six years, for the promotion of art culture amongst them. During the last five years of the existence of the New South Wales Academy of Art its council received £1302 1s. 8d. from the Government towards its working expenses (that sum might be said to have been almost recouped by the presentation to the Government at the dissolution of the society on 11th November, 1880, of the collection of works of art presented to or purchased by it), while furthermore it represented the whole charge to the Government for the custody and exhibition of the earlier purchases out of the public funds, which formed the nucleus of the present collection, and from which the public were afforded instruction and entertainment, by the society's rooms being open to them free of charge. During the succeeding 5 years in which the national collection was located in the temporary premises just vacated, and became a public institution administered by trustees, the total amount chargeable to working expenses, apart from purchase of works of art, and the items of frames, freight and insurance chargeable to such works, and about £1500 expended in making those temporary premises habitable and presentable, amounted to £3660; while during that period 1,108,217 visitors passed through the turnstiles. The cost therefore of the pleasure and instruction thus afforded to the public represented ¾d. per head. So far as he had been able to collate corresponding data as to the working expenses of similar institutions elsewhere, from "The Year's Art," 1885, it would appear that they amounted approximately to as under, viz.:—Free admissions: National Gallery for 1883, about 2d. per head; National Portrait Gallery, about 2½d. per head; Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art, about 4¼d. per head; National Gallery of Ireland, about 4½d. per head. National Art Gallery of New South Wales for five years, average ¾d. per head. The data in connection with the National Gallery of Victoria were not yet obtainable. If their public attendance were debited with 4 per cent. annual interest on total expenditure, it would represent about 2½d. per head, and more correctly represent its cost, but he had no data from which to calculate such extra charge in connection with the kindred institutions referred to. In thus referring to past administration—and he would particularly specify the details of the arrangement of the present as well as of the former gallery—he gratefully acknowledged the cordial co-operation at all times received from Mr. E. L. Montefiore, who had always been ready to devote his private time to the same objects, while his extensive correspondence on all matters connected with art was well known to most of those present; and their distinguished chairman had also been ever ready with his advice and able literary assistance in critical matters. In conclusion, he added that his co-trustees had most kindly urged him for several years past to hand over such honorary duties to others, or to a paid curator, as being altogether too heavy a tax on his business and private hours, but he had determined to continue them, if possible, until he could see their collection located in a building somewhat worthy of its value; and he was sure that all his colleagues must feel the same pride as himself on the present eventful occasion, over which his Excellency had been graciously pleased to preside, which formed so gratifying a conclusion to past labours, and a fresh starting point in the interest and advancement of art in New South Wales.

The Governor having declared the Gallery open, his Excellency and Lady Carrington were shown round the institution by the trustees, and had the histories of the various principal pictures explained to them. Shortly afterwards the building was thrown open to the public.

MR. PARNELL'S PROGRAMME.

(*Telegram to the American Press.*)

London, November 21.—The Irish question is again uppermost in British politics. Parnell has been cleverer than Gladstone, and has got Home Rule to the front, to the apparent disadvantage of the Liberals. The ex-Premier, when he found his Radical allies were jeopardising his canvass by the promises they gave to the disestablishment question, made overtures to the Parnellites for a coalition. The Irish party had been courted so well and largely by the Conservatives that people had generally concluded an understanding had been arranged between them; but such, it now transpires, was not the fact. Parnell had secured all the promises he desired from the Tories. He used this fact to induce the Liberals to offer him the same pledges. He preferred to trade with the Liberal leaders to trading with those of the Conservative party, because the former were in much better control of their party than were the Tory chieftains. But Gladstone, for reasons best known to himself, declined to make the same pledges which the Conservatives had made, and offered very evasive compromises. Parnell thereupon decided to seal the alliance with the Tories. He felt himself master of the situation. He calculates upon the certain possession of the balance of power in the next session, and feels sure of being able to command enough Radical votes, upon most of the questions relating to Home Rule, which may come up, to give his side of the House power to pass all reasonable measures relating to Ireland. It was these considerations which induced the National League to-day to issue its remarkable campaign manifesto.

The decision to issue it was arrived at in a special meeting held by Parnell and his colleagues in Dublin. There were present at this conclave all the Irish Home Rule candidates who could possibly attend. The call for the meeting stated that its object was to have a final conference upon the plans for electoral work, with a special view to equipping those new candidates who have not yet had any Parliamentary experience. The meeting was hot, and long in deciding to reject the overtures of the Liberals, and to openly ally the Home Rule party to the *Tory organisation*. Accordingly, the manifesto, the most remarkable and straightforward ever issued by the Parnellites, was uttered. Its effect, according to Irish calculations, will be to prevent Gladstone from returning to power by making it impossible for the Liberals to gain the requisite majority in the next House of Commons. The Conservatives have declared they will not resign the conduct of the Government unless the Liberals gain such a large majority in the next House as to show unmistakably the wish for a change of Cabinet, while it can be hardly doubted that Mr. Gladstone will win in the elections. Most of the well-informed English politicians believe the present relations between the Home Rulers and the Tories will render it practically impossible for the Liberals to succeed in obtaining a majority of numbers requisite to compel the Conservatives to abdicate.

The Dublin Conference, arranged to thoroughly circulate the Parnell manifesto during the next fortnight, even to the extent of distributing at all church doors throughout Ireland. It was also arranged to have each county thoroughly stumped, and to furnish a plentiful supply of speakers wherever meetings could be organised for them. In addition, the conference decided to transfer the headquarters of the executive committee of the English branch of the National League to Liverpool for the remainder of the campaign. This locality was selected as the most available for easy communication with the league branches throughout England and Scotland. T. P. O'Connor, President of the League, will, however, remain in London, whence he will direct the Irish campaign throughout Great Britain. The Parnell manifesto has infused new life into the Conservative party management. Lord Randolph Churchill, Indian Secretary; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer; and W. H. Smith, War Secretary, are devoting their entire energies to Tory campaign work. To-day they issued an urgent appeal to all those London Conservative electors who usually spend November out of town to return, if possible, at once to the metropolis and take part in the important campaign work before them in their respective districts.

Dublin, November 21.—Parnell presided at a conference of sixty Nationalist candidates for Parliament held here to-day. It was decided to adopt uniform election tactics, with a view of averting liability under the stringent Corrupt Practices Act. The Nationalists will employ a few lawyers to advise them, but will rely chiefly on volunteer counsel. They will also issue placards explaining the chief provisions of the Corrupt Practices Act, so that cause shall not be given for petitions to set aside elections on the ground of intimidation. Mr. Parnell announced the receipt of an additional sum of 70,000 dollars for the Parliamentary fund. The announcement was received with cheers, which were echoed by the crowds that had assembled outside the buildings. After the meeting Mr. Parnell found difficulty in reaching his car. The crowd followed him for a mile, cheering until they were exhausted. The enthusiasm displayed by the Irish people over the election is phenomenal.

London, November 21.—Mr. Parnell has issued a manifesto to the electors of Great Britain and Ireland, saying: "The Liberals are appealing to the electors for support under false pretences. The Liberals have flagrantly violated the solemn pledges made to Ireland which should be denounced. The coercion practices resorted to under their regime were the most brutal of coercion measures. Juries were packed in an unprecedented number of cases with shamelessness, and innocent men were hung, or sent to the living death of penal servitude. 1200 persons were imprisoned without trial, and ladies were convicted under an obsolete Act which was directed against the degraded sex. The press and public meetings were suppressed as if Ireland were Poland and the administration in England were a Russian autocracy." The manifesto further says:—"The representatives of Liberalism in Ireland have been men like Mr. Forster and Earl Spencer, who have left more hateful memories in Ireland than any statesmen for the past century. If the long-delayed triumph had not expelled the Liberals, Earl Spencer could still be at Dublin Castle, and coercion would be triumphant in Ireland, and the landlords, instead of making reasonable abatements in rents, which the depression in agriculture demanded, and which every landlord in England and Scotland conceded, would be evicting their tenants by wholesale, with Earl Spencer encouraging them, and the police and the soldiery and the coercion magistrates would have filled the gaols in assisting them. Under the name of 'Free Schools,' the Liberals are making insidious attempts to crush out religious education, and establish a state of tyranny and intolerance to fetter the conscience. Therefore, we feel bound to advise that no confidence be placed in the Liberal or Radical party, and as far as possible to prevent the Government of the Empire from falling into hands of a party so perfidious, treacherous, and incompetent. The Irish Nationalists should not vote for a Liberal or Radical, except in some few cases in which some outrageous fealty to the Irish in the last Parliament has given a guarantee that the candidate did not belong to the servile, cowardly, and unprincipled herd, who would break every pledge and violate every principle in obedience to the dell of the whip or the mandate of the caucus.

THE MAYOR'S BANQUET TO THE GOVERNOR.

Yesterday evening a banquet was given by the Mayor of Sydney to his Excellency Baron Carrington, the newly-appointed Governor of New South Wales. There was a very representative gathering, and upwards of 200 gentlemen out of the following who were invited were present:—Sir John Robertson, Hons. J. F. Burns, J. Garrard, G. Spring, J. H. Young, L. F. Heydon, R. M. Vaughn, D. O'Connor, G. B. Simpson, Sir Patrick Jennings, Messrs. G. R. Dibbs, W. J. Lyne, T. M. Slattery, J. H. Want, John See, George Thornton, J. P. Abbott, W. J. Trickett, Sir John Hay, Hon. Edmund Barton, Aldermen Beare, Bryen, Buckle, Chapman, Dean, Hardie, Harris John, Harris J. M., Hart, Jones, Kippax, Moore, Palmer, Poole, Riley, Taylor, Withers, John Young, Lees, Mcmahon, Meeks, Sir James Martin, Sir William Manning, Sir George Innes, Mr. Justice Faucett, Mr. Justice Windeyer, Messrs. W. B. Dalley, F. M. Darley, M. H. Stephen, W. Owen, Sir Alfred Stephen, Sir Henry Parkes, Sir Alexander Stuart; Messrs. H. Halloran, C. Rolleston, John Davies, C. J. Roberts, Sir Edward Strickland, G. H. Reid, M.L.A.; S. Burdekin, M.L.A.; H. Copeland, M.L.A.; J. D. Young, M.L.A.; A. Kethel, M.L.A.; F. Abigail, M.L.A.; J. Toohey, M.L.A.; A. Forsythe, M.L.A.; J. B. Olliffe, M.L.A.; Colonel Roberts, Colonel Spalding, Major Mackenzie, Captain A. T. Brooke, Opal; Commanders R. F. Hoskyn, Myrmidon; C. H. Cross, Miranda; J. L. Marx, Swinger; T. F. Pullen, Lark; A. M. Field, Dart; W. H. Arnold, Undine; Captain Taylor, Wolverene; Lieutenant-Colonels Wells, Raymond, Goodlet, Holborow, Wilkinson, Captain Hixson, Major Rowe, Captain Walker, Messrs. James Buchanan, G. O'Malley Clarke, T. K. Abbott, G. W. Addison, Whittingdale Johnson, Leopold Yates, W. Speer, R. Fowler, John Williams, John Woods, John Sutherland, M.L.A., George Smith, the Bishop of Sydney, Cardinal Moran, the Bishop of Goulburn, Rev. J. Mackinnon, W. Mathison, J. A. Nolan, Rabbi Davis, Rev. Canon Allwood, Professor Gurney, Professor Liversidge, Dr. M'Laurin, Hon. Wm. Macleay, Mr. Alexander Oliver, Dr. Arthur Renwick, Mr. H. C. Russell, Professors Scott, Stuart, Stephens, Warren, Canon Sharp, Very Rev. D. F. Barry, Rev. John Kinross, Mr. H. E. Barff, Dr. Garran, Messrs. F. Bennett, W. Wynne, W. H. Traill, Edmund Fosbery, Chas. Cowper, Dr. Wright, Dr. Mackellar, Messrs. John Booth, E. A. Amphlett, Shepherd Smith, L. A. Johnstone, D. Finlayson, E. Hughes, F. Adams, F. Dixon, T. A. Dibbs, W. Neill, City Bank; M. M'Lardy, E. M'Donnell, E. B. Holt, F. A. Wilson, J. Ogilvy, J. Balfour. The Consuls of Spain, France, German Empire, Norway and Sweden, Chili, Denmark, Italy, Belgium, Hawaiian Islands, Netherlands, Portugal and Peru, Russia, Switzerland, U.S. of America, Brazil, Austro-Hungary, Persia, Costa Rica, Messrs. C. H. Woolcott, C. H. Lines, A. C. Mountain, J. Trevor Jones, Geo. Merriman, R. Seymour, H. Westcott, Captain Maclean, Messrs. Chas. Moore, Antrobus, Watt, E. Knox, Wilson, J. C. Cattell, J. Ewan, Alfred Lamb, M. Metcalf, Strickland, Burns, Dickinson, J. Weir, F. W. Jackson, Captain Hynes, Messrs. Littlejohn, J. M'Donald, Captain Smith, Messrs. Josephs, Dalton, W. G. Murray, Peel, George Munro, Carey, Captain Hector, Messrs. Richard Hill, E. Flood, Captains Crombie, Johnson, and Taylor, Messrs. Aarons, John Williams, Walter Bradley, Wm. Merriman, J. de V. Lamb, A. C. Dangar, J. H. Davies, Captain Morse (steamship Alameda), Messrs. H. R. Smith, Tronkiss, Captain Murray, Messrs. James Devlin, J. E. Ives, M.L.A., Hogue, Macdermott, Watt, and S. G. Yuill.

The banquet took place in the vestibule of the Town Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The catering was done by Compagnoni and Co., and music was provided by the band of the Permanent Artillery.

The introductory toasts having been honoured,

The MAYOR said that it was with much pride that he recognised the honour bestowed upon him in the last moments almost of his year of office, and it was with the sincerest pleasure that he welcomed to that board, in the name of the citizens of Sydney, his Excellency the Governor. He thought he might say that no one could have been sent to them from England who was surer on all hands of a warmer welcome. (Cheers.) This welcome his Excellency had received wherever he had shown himself; and it would be to his honour and to their happiness that the spirit in which he had been received would continue during his period of office here. His Excellency brought to them all the qualities which entitled him to the respect and sympathy of the people of the colony. (Hear, hear.) He had had the advantages of the best possible training for the exercise of authority. He was known to be as liberal in opinion as he was generous in action, and, while devoted to duty, he was a friend and patron of public amusements. His reputation had come before him—(hear, hear)—and prepared them to give him, not from a mere sense of duty, but from the depths of their hearts, a cordial reception. (Hear, hear.) He felt sure that his Excellency's government would be a wise, tolerant, and successful one, and he knew that as far as the people of the colony could make it so, it would be a happy and prosperous one. He would detain them no longer, but propose to that distinguished company, with all the honours, the health of his Excellency the Governor.

The toast was drunk in a most enthusiastic manner.

His EXCELLENCY, who was received with prolonged cheering, replied: I should be indeed difficult to please if I were not moved by the cordial manner in which the toast of my health has been honoured. From the moment of my arrival on these shores I have received so general and cordial a welcome that already I feel myself as much at home amongst you as if I had been here for years. (Cheers.) It will be my earnest endeavour, Mr. Mayor, as it will be my duty, to cherish the existence of this kindly feeling. I am of course deeply sensible that the honours you have bestowed upon me, and the warmth of welcome with which you have met me, are the marks of your undoubted loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign, and the expression of your pride in forming a part of the glorious Empire over which she rules. I have no other title but as her Majesty's representative, to the daily, and I may say almost hourly, demonstrations of goodwill of which I have been the object since I had the good fortune of landing here. May I be permitted, Sir, to take advantage of this brilliant gathering of representative colonists to express my humble hope that during my term of office we may be blest with a continuance of that national prosperity which the colony has enjoyed in so remarkable a degree. At this moment, Sir, we are experiencing a depression which in the world's commerce is well nigh universal, and we are suffering from the effects of seasons of drought of such severity and protracted duration that they might have been reasonably expected to shake the foundations of the most solid prosperity. With the break up of this disastrous drought, of which the symptoms are already appearing, we may, under the blessing of Heaven, rely with confidence upon the development of the countless resources of the country, and upon the energy and intelligence of its people to bring back to us with interest all that we have lost. (Cheers.) Sir, I do not desire to mar the success of your brilliant banquet, or to test the patience of your guests by a long speech, and I shall content myself by offering to you my hearty thanks for the magnificent hospitality with which you, as the Chief Magistrate of this great city, have received me as her Majesty's representative. I have been asked to propose a toast, which I do with all my heart, and which we shall all drink with enthusiasm, viz., "Prosperity to the Colony of New South Wales," and beg to couple with this toast the name of our Chief Justice, Sir James Martin. (Cheers.)

The toast having been honoured,

Sir JAMES MARTIN replied that he need not say that on that occasion the slightest reference to politics would be improper and unseemly, and supposing that politics formed a fitting topic to be introduced, he would scarcely be a party to their introduction. But they were now—he could not help saying—in the midst of a great crisis, and he referred to that crisis because it had been said over and over again that the prosperity of the country was now trembling in the balance. The late Administration told them the other day that there would be a deficit of one million sterling, and a gentleman high in the confidence of the country, a man of large experience, had told them that not only was there a great deficit, but it would tax the energies of the wisest amongst them to restore confidence, and to place their public affairs in a satisfactory condition. He referred to these matters not to break into party politics, but because such remarks naturally arose from the reference which had been made to the prosperity of the community. They had for many years been a prosperous community. [The MAYOR: we are prosperous now.] There were many things connected with their history—and particularly their recent history—which might give rise to mistakes, and it was useless for them to shut their eyes to matters passing around them, and congratulate themselves on a degree of prosperity to which they could not fairly lay claim. At present the colony, with a million inhabitants, had a large public debt of thirty millions—an amount of money so serious as to well give rise to anxiety on the part of those who had the welfare of the community at heart. They were now sitting in a magnificent building, and in the midst of a city which, with its suburbs, consisted of more than a quarter of a million inhabitants, and in one sense they might congratulate themselves on the number of those inhabitants, on the magnificence of their buildings, and the wealth which the existence of those buildings indicated; but at the same time they should bear in mind that the population of the metropolis was a quarter the number of the whole inhabitants of the colony, and that was a thing they had no reason to be proud of. With a territory twice as large as France and four times that of the United Kingdom, they had a city which might take rank with the great cities of the world. It was to be feared, however, that if this state of things continued they would be in the condition of those hydrocephalous infants whose heads were too large for their bodies. In many respects, no doubt, they had a right to congratulate themselves. Their educational institutions were of a very high character indeed, and not only in regard to their University, but in regard to their primary and secondary schools also. They had also made large sacrifices in the cause of religion. The cause of religion had found warm advocates here, and the ministers of the various denominations had been exceedingly well supported. (Hear, hear.) Reference had been made to the long-continued and disastrous drought. During the continuance of the drought they had lost millions of sheep, and their wealth in stock, instead of being augmented, had decreased, and their manufactures had not increased, and they were at that moment supporting an army of navvies and other persons, and when the funds for paying these were expended they would have to be thrown on some other fields of employment, and what would take place then they knew not. He mentioned these things to show that their prosperity was not so well assured as many people imagined. He now turned from these topics, which were not very pleasant, to refer to the subject of their resources. The magnitude of their coal-fields, their pastoral capabilities, and their agricultural capabilities, were undeniable, and when these were well developed, the progress of the colony would be even greater than it had been before. It was a singular piece of good fortune that Her Majesty had been pleased to send to the colony a nobleman who was known and appreciated in the mother country, and that they should be important enough to warrant his Excellency in accepting his present position. They had had distinguished men as Governors before, and he would like to take that opportunity of saying one word of the gentleman who preceded his Excellency the Governor—Lord Augustus Loftus. It had been the fashion in some quarters to disparage that nobleman, and to say that his career here was not a uniform success. He dissented from those opinions. (Hear, hear.) He took that opportunity to express his distinct opinion that Lord Augustus Loftus discharged the office of Governor with credit to himself and with utility to the people. (Hear, hear.) Like his Excellency, their present Governor, Lord Augustus Loftus had opportunities for moving in the highest society, and he had held the highest positions in diplomatic society. His large experience he gave to this small community, and from first to last he manifestly had but one object in view, and that was to do what was right. (Hear, hear.) He trusted that his Excellency their present Governor would consolidate for himself during the whole term of his office the good opinion of men of all parties, and that it would not be said of him that he favoured one side or the other, and that he would extend the same friendly feeling to those who might be his advisers one day and on another be members of the Opposition. He was quite sure from what he had heard of him that his Excellency's career here would be a happy one for himself and a happy one for them. (Hear, hear.) He trusted that his Excellency's friends in England would permit him to remain here, not only to smooth the asperities of public life, but to teach them to extend courtesy to their opponents, whether in Parliament or elsewhere. He knew of no person better qualified to perform this duty than Lord Carrington. (Cheers.)

Mr. DALLEY, who was received with cheers, said he was quite satisfied that there was no one in the colony who knew the genuine, honest, straightforward character of their worthy chief magistrate, who was acquainted with his liberality of opinion and action, who had either shared or witnessed his all-embracing hospitality during his year of office, now on the eve of expiring, who was not gratified that to his Worship had fallen the pleasant duty of welcoming in this hall our new Governor. (Loud cheers.) This welcome, given with a frank and generous hospitality which they must all admire, was the latest of the pleasures and distinctions of a year upon which the Mayor could look back with pride and satisfaction, and the citizens with gratitude. (Applause.) In the person of their Mayor they had a thoroughly representative colonist. (Hear, hear.) He was one who owed everything to his unceasing industry, indomitable pluck, and fair sense of honourable dealing. (Hear, hear.) And yet he did not overwhelm them with that insupportable self-complacency which those who were described as the architects of their own fortunes sometimes displayed when they occupied themselves in exhibiting their plans and specifications of human life, and whose most ambitious structures were occasionally open to the severest criticism. In their Mayor they had a man who had won fortune and had not lost humility. (Applause.) The distinction conferred upon him by his fellow-citizens he wore to their honour as to his own. (Hear, hear.) He had made his year of office memorable by his bounty and by his courtesy, and he had thoroughly deserved the final distinction which he enjoyed to-night of entertaining his Excellency on the first occasion on which he had publicly accepted the hospitality of the City. (Cheers.) He, who had had the privilege of knowing and respecting Mr. Playfair for many years, begged to propose to the company his health, with a deep sense that he was highly honoured in being entrusted with such a duty. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The MAYOR, in rising to respond, was loudly cheered. He said that he could not find appropriate words to answer what Mr. Dalley had said of him that evening. That gentleman had spoken on several occasions in complimentary terms of him as a citizen, and of his having worked himself up to the position he at present occupied. Well, he should like it to be understood that he did not appear there solely as the Mayor of Sydney, but as, he hoped, a true citizen; and what he did now was simply for the honour of the country he had adopted as his home. (Cheers.) His Lordship would, he trusted, find him the same at the end of his term of office as he was that night. It was his ambition to see the country advance to the highest position a country could attain. (Applause.) He was extremely glad to see that the people of the old country were recognising the loyalty of the people of this colony, and were sending such distinguished men as Baron Carrington to govern them. (Cheers.) The people at home were finding that the colonies were a strength instead of a weakness to Great Britain. (Hear, hear.) He sincerely trusted that his Lordship and the chief magistrate of the city would continue on friendly intercourse one with the other, as he believed that a relationship of that kind would greatly tend to the prosperity of the whole community. He doubted not that his Excellency at the end of the term of his office would be as popular as he was at the present instant. He thanked them most sincerely for the manner in which they had honoured the toast. (Cheers.)

Sir ALFRED STEPHEN then proposed "The health of the Hon. Lady Carrington," and spoke of her ladyship as possessing a large proportion of the qualities that adorned her sex.

The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm, and was responded to by Baron CARRINGTON, who stated that his wife had felt deeply moved by the kindness which was extended to her from all sides here.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE SYDNEY LIEDERTAFEL.

The concert to the second 500 subscribers to the Sydney Liedertafel, given last evening in the Protestant Hall, as regards the programme differed in but one number. In place of the two movements of Beethoven's quintette, Herr Patek played a 'cello solo, an adagio by Gottermann (professor of and a distinguished composer for the violoncello), the same which formed part of the programme at Mme. Charbonnet-Kellermann's matinée a fortnight ago. Herr Patek played remarkably well, and had the advantage of an excellent coadjutor in Mr. Augustus Gehde. At the close the 'cellist was warmly applauded. An alteration was imperatively necessary, and the committee adopted the best course in the difficulty. The remainder, both as a performance and in its effect upon the audience, was of the same character as on the preceding evening. Mrs. Armstrong was again the recipient of prolonged and enthusiastic plaudits. After her second song she again gave "Dear Heart" as encore. This song was inadvertently attributed to Sullivan, through association with "My Dearest Heart," by the English composer. Mrs. Armstrong's choice is by Tito Mattei. The audience was fully as large as on Tuesday, the choral portions as vigorously given, the overture improved; the second hearers had a decided advantage from the extra performance. Mr. Delaney was warmly welcomed on his appearance, and the society may be congratulated on finishing the year so satisfactorily.

A suggestion has already been made that the three musical societies should come to an understanding as to the dates of their respective concerts, and so order them that the music-loving community may have their pleasure at moderate intervals, instead of in periodical surfeits. There is also another matter to which the attention of the committees is directed—namely, the advisability of letting the dates be made known as early as possible, instead of, as has been the practice, the issue of tickets three days before the concerts being the first intimation the subscribers receive. Many people's lives are so busy that arrangements are made for weeks, and several who would gladly keep a night free for a concert lose their pleasure for the want of timely information as to its taking place.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Many persons will learn with pleasure that this evening the Hiscocks Federal Minstrels reappear at the Academy of Music with a programme of special attraction, and that on Saturday a new burlesque, by Mr. Horace Bent, will form an important part of the entertainment.

WOODYEAR'S CIRCUS.

Madame Woodyear's circus will open at Belmore Park on Boxing Day.

A lady of title, who was present at Prince Waldemar's wedding, states that it is many years since she saw such a large gathering of the Royalties of Europe. More than forty Princes and Princesses were present, each of the crowned heads of Europe being represented. A very blaze of diamonds and orders lit up the whole apartment. The host, the titular head of the House of Orleans and also the head of the House of Bourbon, received his guests everywhere with much kindness.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 23.

Derry Castle, barque, 1317 tons, Captain Goffe, from Antwerp September 15. Passenger—Mrs. Goffe. George A. Lloyd, agent.

Maxima, Chilian barque, 799 tons, Captain Risso, from Port Townsend October 13. Passengers—Mrs. Risso, 2 children and servant. Lorimer, Rome, and Co., agents.

Aberfeldy, barque, 1231 tons, Captain M'Donald, from Liverpool September 14. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Fiona (s.), 830 tons, Captain W. A. Curphey, from Clarence River 22nd instant. Colonial Sugar Refining Company, agents.

Bega (s.), 555 tons, Captain W. O. Hersee, from Eden and Southern ports 22nd instant. Passengers—Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Nichols, Miss Baird, Miss Donovan, Miss Kingrose, Miss Evans, Miss Whaleny, Misses Wood (2), Sisters of Mercy (2), Messrs. Cooper, O'Grady, Cochrane, Kincaird, Gregory, Hanson, Evans, Rivermont, Trebeck, Malcolm, Healy, Chapman, Walsh, Healy, Ward, Crain, Morris, Manning, and 20 in the steerage. I. S. N. Company, agents.

Fernmount (s.), 200 tons, Captain R. Taplin, from Bellinger River, 22nd instant. Passengers: Miss Maze, Miss Hill, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Cook, Miss O'Donnell, Mrs. Cape, Messrs. Cook, J. Rose, Maze, A. Marx, W. Simpson, and 6 in the steerage. John See and Co., agents.

Duke of Argyle (s.), 3115 tons, Captain Cox, from Brisbane, 21st instant. Burns, Philp, and Co., agents.

Coraki (s.), 350 tons, Captain S. Postans, master, from Macleay River. Passengers—Mesdames Ladagast, McDonald, Dennis, Anderson, Simpson, Misses Smith, Lulia, Debenham (2), Hickson, Pierce, Messrs. Brownrigg, Clarke, Ladagast, Jackson, White, Smith, McDonald, J. P. Allen, Russell, Simpson, Dunn, McGuigan, Masters Colman, Hamilton, and 7 in the steerage. C. & R. R. S. N. Company, agents.

Helen Nicoll (s.), 384 tons, Captain R. A. Fraser, from Clarence River 22nd instant. Passengers—Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Remsey, Miss Bowlige, Dr. Thompson, Messrs. F. Norris, Richardson, Geary, Underwood, M. M'Dermaid, J. Campbell, Warren, Woodcock, Cross, D. Stewart, Stag, Hayes, Tucket, Knight, Saden, Soloman, Devonport, M'Dermaid, Hayes, Ruddel, Rowland, Gale, Masters Benton and Bowlige, and 23 in the steerage. John See and Co., agents.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 23.

Strathblane, ship, for Rangoon.
Whampoa (s), for Melbourne.
Eurimbla (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports.
Aurora, schooner, for Auckland.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 24.

R.M.S. Carthage, for London via Melbourne and Adelaide; Barrabool (s.), for Melbourne; Gunga (s.), for Noumea, Suva, and Levuka; Waihora (s.), for Auckland, Lyttelton, and Port Chalmers; Southern Cross (s.), for Hobart via Eden; Fernmount (s.), for Bellinger River; Coraki (s.), for Macleay River.

CLEARANCES.—DECEMBER 23.

Eurimbla (s.), 1000 tons, Captain W. Collier, for Brisbane, &c. Passengers—Miss Maxwell, Miss Hogg, Messrs. J. W. Bell, H. Laurence, and 34 in the steerage.

Whampoa (s.), 1109 tons, Captain J. F. Williams, for Melbourne, with part of original cargo. Passengers—52 Chinese.

Port Victor (s.), 1828 tons, Captain A. Williams, for Singapore, via Newcastle.

Frank Guy, three-masted schooner, 191 tons, Captain J. Balle, for Napier, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Celestia, barque, 225 tons, Captain B. Apstein, for Newcastle, in ballast.

Aurora, schooner, 138 tons, Captain J. Davis, for Auckland.

COASTERS INWARD.—DECEMBER 23.

Aurora, from Newcastle, with coals; Alice Templeton, from Manning River, with 80,000 feet timber; Nemoi (s.), from Newcastle, with 17 bales wool, 60 bales hay, 102 hides, 26 bags potatoes, 448 bags coke, 70 packages tin ore, 13 cows, 3 calves, 94 pigs, 7 coops poultry, 165 sheep, 6 cases eggs; Collaroy (s.), from Newcastle, with 72 bales hay, 45 bags potatoes, 27 pigs, 37 lambs, 52 calves, 16 cows, 136 hides, 8 bundles skins, 1 bag hair, 13 packages sundries.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—DECEMBER 23.

Alice Templeton, for Manning River.

IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 23.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Derry Castle, from Antwerp: 8686 casks cement, 1400 boxes candles, 10 casks zinc, 1989 bars and bundles iron, 500 cases bottled beer, 54 joists, 50 cases matches, 25 cases glue, 2864 coils 38 casks wire, 517 cases vestas, 1249 packages nails, 7240 slates, 2 cases pianos, 26 cases glassware, 200 cases milk, 50 cases coffee, 181 packages 62 loose tubes, 20 cases polish, 200 cases bath bricks, 50 cases jam, 40 cases 2 tanks mustard, 10 cases milk food, 30 cases fine salt, 20 cases groats, 2 tanks blue, 50 cases limejuice, 100 cases castor oil, 10 cases essences, 150 bundles hoops, 4 cases copper sheets, 5 cases plateglass, 1 case firearms, 8 packages sundries.

Aberfeldy, from Liverpool: 844 cases galvanised iron, 1024 bundles 6920 bars 279 plates iron, 760 boxes tinplates, 32 cases 6 bundles chaffcutter, 575 bundles 10 rings wire, 4966 sacks salt, 22 bellows, 41 forges, 10 valves, 14 castings, 32 vyces, 20 cases machinery, 18 bundles tubs, 56 bundles buckets, 20 kegs chalk, 17 cases shot, 10 cases rivets, 41 cases tiles, 680 cases window glass, 7 tierces tobacco, 171 bundles manila rope, 20 packages paper, 20 octaves 2 quarter-casks whisky, 1795 packages bottled stout, 7 cases 5 barrels mineral waters, 20 cases 20 octaves brandy, 210 cases limejuice, 200 kegs bicarb soda, 68 drums caustic soda, 40 bales cotton waste, 506 packages merchandise.

Maxima, from Port Townsend: 600,808 feet lumber.

Ex Massilia: 55 cases Pommery and Greno's champagne—PEATE AND HARCOURT.

EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 23.

Eurimbla (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports: 1731 bags and bales chaff, 151 bags potatoes, 10 bags peas, 15 bags onions, 118 bags maize, 77 cases fruit, 10 packages beans, 477 mats rice, 504 packages tea, 147 rolls wire netting, 17 hogsheads tar, 16 cases chairs, 100 cases whisky, 3 cases pianos, 6 cases jams, 65 ingots tin, 2 cases galvanised iron, 6 cases nails, 17 packages stores, 5 trunks boots, 10 boxes raisins, 6 packages tobacco, 15 crates bottles, 9 boxes opium, 10 bundles and 9 baskets, 187 packages merchandise, and a quantity of sundries.

Aurora, for Auckland: 155 tons coal, 590 bags bone dust.

CUSTOM HOUSE.—Entered outwards: December 23, Frank Guy, 3-masted schooner, 191 tons, Captain J. Balle, for Napier, via Newcastle; Eurimbla (s.), 598 tons, Captain W. Cottier, for Rockhampton, via ports; Celestia, barque, 225 tons, Captain B. Apstein, for Newcastle; Whampoa (s.), 1109 tons, Captain J. E. Williams, for Melbourne.

The following passengers are booked by the P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Carthage, Captain G. N. Hector, to leave to-day, for London via Melbourne and Adelaide:—For London: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sager and child, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cooper and 3 children, Miss Whiteside, Miss M'Intyre, Miss Marsden, Miss Betts, Miss de Belin, Right Rev. Bishop Marsden, Messrs. A. P. Sykes, H. Skerrett Rogers, Oswald Bloxsome, W. Isaacs, P. H. Morton, Alfred Nauen, Nixdorff. For Venice: Mr. Felix Schleichler, Mr. A. Robertson. For Albany: Mrs. Barlee, Mr. Fox. For Melbourne: Mrs. Bovis, Mrs. M'Gowan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rowbotham, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wright, Miss Davis, Miss Douglas, Miss Steel, Messrs. G. B. Chalon, H. Curtis, J. Leary, J. M'Carthy, J. A. Steel, W. L. Dawes, M. Gotthelf, G. Wright. From Melbourne, for London: Colonel and Mrs. Price and child, Lady Scratchley, Misses Scratchley (2), Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Catford, Mrs. J. H. Gibbs, Mrs. Robertson, Misses Roberston (2), Miss Dampier, Miss Green, Miss Ritchie, Lord Castlerosse, Messrs. Askwith, Dampier Bide, J. S. Penny, G. P. Wilson, J. Swire, Walker, James Smith, and Dr. Lempriere, Master C. A. Gibbs. For Suez: Sir William and Lady Clarke, Miss Clarke, Miss E. Clarke, Miss Snodgrass, Miss Bateman, Miss Mary Clarke, Master F. Clarke, Master R. Clarke, infant, and 2 nurses, Messrs. Clive Clarke, and E. Hutcheson. For Colombo: Mr. and Mrs. Fiddian.

The R.M.S. Alameda left the A. S. N. Company's Wharf yesterday afternoon with a large number of ladies and gentlemen on board, and went for a run down to and outside the Heads for about a mile. The ship was greatly admired by the visitors, and the outing was altogether a most enjoyable one.

The Orient Company's R.M.S. Orient, with the incoming English mails and files to November 20, arrived at Adelaide yesterday morning. The Sydney portion of her mails should reach here on Saturday.

The ship Strathblane, bound to Rangoon with a cargo of coal, cleared the Heads at 9.35 a.m. yesterday, and left again for Melbourne later on.

The steamer Fiona crossed the Clarence Bar at 9.7 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22, and entered Sydney Heads at 9.37 a.m. on Wednesday. The Fiona brings a cargo of sugar and rum from the company's works on the Clarence and Richmond Rivers.

The steamer Bega left Eden at 8 a.m. 22nd instant, called at Merimbula and Tathra, and arrived at company's wharf at 11.50 a.m. 23rd. She had strong N.E. winds and head sea throughout. Cargo: 200 bales wool, 100 bags bark, 40 bags bones, 50 hides, 5 casks tallow, 500 cheeses, 23 bags bacon, 5 coops poultry, and sundries.

The steamer Fernmount crossed the Bellinger bar at 9.15 a.m. on the 22nd instant, and entered Sydney Heads at 2 p.m. on the 23rd. Experienced N.E. winds and fine weather throughout the passage. Cargo: 939 bags maize, 14 coops poultry, 6 cases eggs, 9 bags oysters, 43 hides, 2 bags horns, 15 packages sundries.

The iron barque Derry Castle, from Antwerp, under the command of Captain Goffe, arrived in port yesterday after a smart passage of 99 days. Captain Goffe, who is a stranger to this port though not to New South Wales, reports that the Derry Castle took her departure from Antwerp on September 15, but she remained two days at Flushing, which place she left again on September 18. Adverse winds were encountered in the Channel; but she managed to leave the land on September 21, picked up the N.E. trades in 35° N. 14° W., which proved fresh to strong and variable, and carried the barque to 2° N., where they were lost. Baffling winds were now encountered, and the Equator was crossed on the 35th day out in 29·19 W. The S.E. trades were soon got, but proved very light and changeable; and were lost in 14° S., 26° W., after which a considerable amount of time was lost, the winds being very variable, and also adverse; and it was not till 48° S. was reached that anything like a good day's run was logged, when on more than one occasion 300 miles were recorded. The easting was run down between the parallels of 48° and 40° S. Tasmania was sighted on the 13th instant at 3 a.m., and thence to port the barque encountered very adverse winds—shifting all round the compass, and very unsteady, which, combined with the strong southerly current running, detained her 10 days, when she was picked up by the tug Irresistible, and towed to an anchorage in Neutral Bay. On Monday night, the 9th of November, in 38° S. when running before a good 10 to 12 knot breeze, the barque shipped a tremendous sea, which burst over the vessel, smashing one of the boats and water-casks, and breaking the lashing of the spare spars, which then floated about the decks, making a complete wreck of everything they came in contact with; when daylight broke it was found that the rivets of the port bulwark stanchions were broken, also that a portion of the cargo, consisting of boxes of candles and barrels of cement, had shifted. All hands soon secured everything that was movable, and with the exception of the loss of a few sails, no other damage was sustained. Captain Goffe brings his fine ship into port in splendid order.

The following vessels were spoken by the tug Leveret yesterday afternoon off Kiama:—Enterprise, ship, bound from Melbourne to Newcastle; Gogoburn, barque, from London to Newcastle; and the brig Thyra, from Melbourne to Maryborough.

The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Massilia, which left Melbourne on Tuesday, is due here this afternoon.

The Chilian barque Maxima, with a full cargo of lumber, arrived in port yesterday after a very fine weather passage of 70 days from Port Townsend. Captain Risso, who is in command, is a stranger to Sydney, not having been in Australian waters before. He reports that he left Port Townsend on the 13th of October, and has experienced a most uneventful passage throughout, encountering light variable winds the whole way.

The barque Jupiter was towed from her berth at Fagan's Wharf to an anchorage in the stream yesterday.

To-day the barque Snowdon is to be berthed at Dibbs's Wharf.

The ship Dallam Tower is to be moved from Dalton's Wharf to Johnston's Bay to-day.

The ship John Duthie will move away from her berth at the Circular Quay to-day, and be towed to the stream.

The screw-steamer Himalaya, of Hartlepool, Captain Gray, arrived at Granton from London, with a cargo of resin and oil. This vessel has been specially fitted up with large capacious oil tanks, the oil from which was used instead of coal being burnt on the voyage, and was found to work very satisfactorily, the voyage being made in 54 hours. The consumption of oil on the voyage was a little over eight gallons per hour, costing about £1 per day, while the cost of coal for that period is calculated to be £7. Besides the saving in coal, a great saving will be effected in labour. When five firemen would be required with coal two will now suffice, there being with the oil no shovelling of coal into the furnace required, and no accumulation or ashes to remove.

The "Look-out Man" in *Fairplay* says:—"Some time ago I called attention to the fact that foreign sailing ships were monopolising the trade of carrying coals to the different stations of some of our great lines. The following extract will show one of the causes of our loss of trade:—'A large sailing ship, built on the Clyde, 20 years A1, planked with teak, on iron frame and in good order, was recently sold to an Italian firm; the owner had reduced the number of hands to 32, the purchaser will only carry 16. The Plimsoll mark has, of course, disappeared, and the ship now loads one foot deeper than when under the English flag.'"

The steamship Duke of Argyll, which arrived last evening from Brisbane via Newcastle, will undergo the usual fumigation this morning and then be granted pratique.

On the 6th of November a new P. and O. steamer, named the Bengal, was launched from the yard of Messrs. Caird and Co., Greenock. The Bengal is a duplicate of the Coromandel, the steamer which preceded her, and which was the first belonging to the company to be fitted with triple expansion engines. In accordance with this principle, the Bengal will have inverted direct-acting compound triple expansion engines, with three cylinders and three double-ended boilers, and a working pressure of 140lb. steam and 3250 indicated horse power. The principal dimensions of the Bengal are—Length, 400 feet; breadth, 45 feet; depth of hold, 31 feet 9 inches; displacement on a draught of 25 feet, 8800; deadweight capacity, 4200 tons. The ceremony of naming the steamer was performed by Mrs. Harry Smith, wife of ex-sheriff Smith.

The steamer Coraki crossed Macleay bar December 22nd at 9.15 a.m. and entered Sydney Heads on the 23rd at 10 a.m. Experienced light variable winds to Tacking Point, and moderate N.E. winds to arrival. Cargo: 1300 bags maize, 10,000 feet sawn timber, 20 bags potatoes, 30 pigs, 20 coops poultry, 17 cases eggs, and sundries.

The steamer Helen Nicoll left Grafton at 5 a.m. on the 22nd, crossed the Clarence bar at 7 p.m. the same day. Experienced light N.E. winds, with fine weather, during the passage. Entered Sydney Heads at 10 p.m. on the 23rd. Cargo: 986 bags maize, 49 hides, 12 pigs, 9 coops poultry, 8 cases eggs, 5 bags bones, 116 bunches bananas, 5 hogsheads molasses, 141 bags potatoes, 3 calves, 5 bales wool, 212 bags sugar, 18 pieces cedar, 3 casks tallow, 13 bags oysters.

The barque Aberfeldy, from Liverpool, with a general cargo, anchored in Watson's Bay last evening, having been towed in by the Irresistible and Port Jackson. Captain Dougal Macdonald reports that the barque left Liverpool on 14th September, and for a fortnight after experienced gale of head winds, and she had a quick run afterwards until she arrived at the north-east part of Tasmania 12 days ago, from which time she had northerly and N.E. winds and strong southerly currents.

The ship Roman Empire, from Sydney to Madras, two days out, was spoken by the Aberfeldy on the 20th instant in 37½ S. and 152 E.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

BRISBANE.—Arrival: December 23, Leichhardt (s.), from Bundaberg. Departure: Derwent (s.), from Townsville, via ports. The Ranelagh (s.), for Rockhampton, arrived at Maryborough at midday; the Burwah (s.), from Rockhampton for Sydney, arrived at Maryborough, and sailed; the Menmuir (s.), from Sydney for Hongkong, left Flat Top Island yesterday; the Alexandra (s.), from Normanton for Brisbane, arrived at Townsville yesterday afternoon, and sailed; the Glanworth (s.), from Brisbane for Cooktown, arrived at Townsville yesterday afternoon, and sailed to-day; the Archer (s.), from Sydney for Cooktown, arrived at Townsville early to-day, and sailed; the Eliza Mary, schooner, arrived at Townsville this morning from the South Seas; H.M. gunboat Raven, left Townsville early to-day for Sydney; the Elamang (s.), left Port Douglas yesterday for Sydney via ports; the Birksgate (s.), from Brisbane for Normanton, arrived at Cooktown yesterday and sailed; the Yaralla (s.), from Mackay, reached Woody Island this afternoon; the Currajong (s.), left Rockhampton to-day for Sydney, via ports; the Kilawoorau (s.), from Townsville for Brisbane, via ports, arrived at Flat Top Island this afternoon; the Hesketh (s.), left Mackay for Brisbane direct.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: December 23, Easby (s.), Flado (s.), from Melbourne; Alto, from Port Macquarie; Schiffswerft, from Brisbane; Newcastle (s.), Buninyong (s.), Maitland (s.), Boomerang (s.), Waratah (s.), Lawrence (s.), from Sydney. Departures: December 23, Sarah Belle, for Valparaiso, with 1200 tons coal; J. L. Hall, for Wallaroo; Waihora (s.), Tasmania (s.), Maitland (s.), Newcastle (s.), Boomerang (s.), Waratah (s.), Falcon, Menschikoff, Johathan, Jessie Davis, Heath, for Sydney. Duke of Argyll (s.) arrived off the port this morning, but was ordered on to Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: December 23, Titus (s.), at 11.3 a.m.; Wendouree (s.), at 4.10 p.m., west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: December 23, Mangana (s.), from Hobart; Shannon, from Newcastle. Departures: December 23, Heinrich Bauer, for Boston; Rodney, for London; Clyde Bank, for Rangoon; Arkwright, for Port Townsend; Pateena (s.), for Launceston; Leura (s.), for Sydney; Manapouri (s.), for New Zealand.

(FROM THE BOARD AT TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Departure: December 23, Kalara (s.), at 8.15 a.m.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Departures: December 23, Tomki (s.), at 11.15 a.m.; Lismore (s.), at 11.15 a.m.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrivals: December 23, Brunswick and Woodburn (s.), at 8.45 a.m. Queen of the South (s.), called off port and took small steamer and punt in tow at 8.30 a.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Departures: December 23, Murray (s.), and Lizzie Davis. Passed: December 23, Ly-ee-Moon (s.), at 8 a.m.; Richmond (s.), at 3.30 p.m.; City of Grafton (s.), at 4.20 p.m.; Australian (s.) at 3.30 p.m. north; Quiraing (s.), at 2.40 p.m.; a steamer flying NHDE, at 1 p.m.; Barrabool (s.), at 5 p.m., south.

PELICAN FLAT.—Departure: December 23, Cora (s.), for Newcastle.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: December 23, Rosedale (s.), at 8.30 a.m. Departures: December 23, Candidate, Mist.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: December 23, City of Grafton (s.), at 10 a.m.; Moreton (s.), at 11.30 a.m., north; Helen Nicoll (s.), at 12.50 p.m.; Terranora (s.), Murray (s.), at 5.45 p.m.; a large steamer, at 6.30 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—Arrivals: December 23, Alice May, Julius Vogel, J. C. Kondio, May Jennings, Sussex, Dolphin, Lansdowne, Alice Templeton, Bungaree, Petrel, Active, Mary Laurie, Emily Ann, and a fore and aft schooner in bay, wind bound.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrival: December 23, Allowrie (s.), from Sydney. Departure: December 23, Allowrie (s.), for Kiama.

KIAMA.—Arrival: December 23, Allowrie (s.), at 9.45 a.m., from Sydney.

TERARA.—Arrival: December 23, Allowrie (s.), at 11.45 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: December 23, Mecindoery (s.), at noon, for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—December 23, a large heavily-laden iron barque at anchor in bay.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: December 23, Bonnie Dundee, in bay; John Bell, on spit, bar bound.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: December 23, Rodondo (s.), at 4.20 p.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: December 23, Wendouree (s.), at 4.10 p.m., a steamer at 6.15 p.m., west.

GLENELG.—Arrival: December 23, R.M.S. Orient, from London, this morning.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

[PER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING AND UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION LIMITED.]

HONGKONG (Via COOKTOWN).

Arrivals: November 17, Lottie Fairfield, schooner, from Fremantle September 19; November 21, Kepler, ship, from Newcastle September 30; November 22, Tannadice (s.s.), from Sydney October 29; November 25, George, barque, from Newcastle September 19.

SINGAPORE (Via COOKTOWN).

Arrival: November 14, Bittern, brig, from Cossack October 8.

ABSTRACT of SALES by AUCTION THIS DAY.

WILKINSON AND LAVENDER.—At Homebush, Cattle and Sheep.
W. INGLIS AND SON.—At their yards, at 11, Cows.
W. CRANE.—On the premises, Oxford-street, at 2.30, Butchers' Blocks, Fittings, Building Materials, &c.
SAUNDERS AND CO.—At 54, Druitt-street, at 11, Household Furniture.
HARRIS AND ACKMAN.—At their Mart, at 11, Furniture, Framework, Mirrors, Overmantels, Pianofortes, &c.
DRANSFIELD BROTHERS.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle and Sheep.
G. MAIDEN.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle.
HARRISON, JONES, AND DEVLIN.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle and Sheep; at their Stores, at 11.30, Sheepskins, Wool.
PITT, SON, AND BADGERY.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle and Sheep.
HILL, CLARK, AND CO.—At Homebush, Cattle and Sheep; at their Warehouse, at 11, Sheepskins.
W. INGLIS AND CO.—At their Bazaar, at 11, Horses, Vehicles.
G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles.
T. R. SMITH AND T. COSGROVE.—At their Bazaar, at 12, Horses, Vehicles.
BROWN BROTHERS AND CO.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles.
FRASER AND CO.—At the City Mart, at 11, Indian Goods.
KELLETT AND ALFORD.—At their Rooms, at 11, Whips, Saddle Cloths, Harness, Toys, Electroplated Goods, Vases, &c.
H. L. DUNN AND SON.—At 539, Elizabeth-terrace, Harris-street, Ultimo, at 10, Household Furniture and Effects; at their Rooms, at 11 and 2, Unredeemed Pledges.
C. MOORE AND CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Hats, Longcloths, Lace Curtains, &c.
B. R. HARRIS AND CO.—At Brentwood-terrace, Rochford-street, Macdonaldtown, at 11, Household Furniture, Piano, &c.; at their Rooms, at 3, Ferns.
H. M'NAMARA.—At Darling Harbour, at 11.30, Beef, Mutton.
TATE BROTHERS.—At their Rooms, at 3, Poultry; at the Corporation Yards, at 2.30, Pigs, Calves.
G. WELLS.—At the Corporation Yards, at 11, Pigs, Calves.
MORT AND CO.—At Darling Harbour, at 11, Wheat, Pollard.
THE CLARENCE RIVER AND NORTH COAST FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the Corporation Yards, at 11, Calves, Pigs.
BRUNKER AND WOLFE.—At their Wool Stores, at 11, Wool, Sheepskins.
A. MOORE AND CO.—At the Labour Bazaar, at 11, Household Furniture.
BRADLEY, NEWTON, AND LAMB.—At the San Francisco Palace of Art, George-street, at 11, Portraits, Negatives, Cameras, Lenses, &c.
ELLIS AND CO.—At their Yards, at 11, Cows; at 12, Dairy Produce; at 2.30, Calves, Lambs; at 3.30, Sheep, Cattle.
J. BRIDGE.—At Homebush, at 11, Sheep.
E. FRENCH.—At his Rooms, Newtown, at 3, Household Furniture.
A. ALLAN.—On the Premises, 211, Glebe Point-road, at 11, Watchmaker's Plant.
R. J. HUGHES AND CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture; at 5, Bruce-street, Redfern, at 3, Furniture, &c.

THE MAILS.

Mails will be made up at the General Post Office for the undermentioned places as follows:—

THIS DAY.

MELBOURNE, overland ...	4 & 7 p.m.
ADELAIDE, overland, via Melbourne ...	7 p.m.
HOBART AND LAUNCESTON, overland to Melbourne, and thence per steamer ...	7 p.m.
NOUMEA AND FIJI, by the Gunga (s.) ...	9 a.m.
ULLADULLA AND CLYDE, by the Allowrie (s.) ...	9 a.m.
HOBART AND LAUNCESTON, VIA EDEN, by the Southern Cross (s.) ...	3 p.m.
AUCKLAND AND ALL N. Z. PORTS, by the Waihora (s.) ...	6 p.m.
UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT OF EUROPE, overland to Melbourne, and thence per Orient steamer Chimborazo ...	5 p.m.
MACLEAY RIVER, by the Coraki (s.) ...	5 p.m.
FERNMOUNT, by the Fernmount (s.) ...	5 p.m.

SATURDAY.

MERIMBULA AND EDEN, by the Bega (s.) ...	9 a.m.
BRISBANE, NORTHERN PORTS, AND THURSDAY ISLAND, by the Katoomba (s.) ...	9 a.m.
BRISBANE AND NORTHERN PORTS, by the Leura (s.) ...	9 a.m.
BATAVIA AND SINGAPORE, by the Leura (s.) to Brisbane, and thence per Roma (s.) ...	9 a.m.
RICHMOND RIVER, by the Tomki (s.) ...	9 a.m.
Ditto, by the Tinonee (s.) ...	9 a.m.
CLARENCE RIVER, by the Helen Nicoll (s.) ...	9 a.m.

DESPATCH OF MAILS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Despatched.	Date.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Late Letters.
Overland to Melbourne, and thence per Orient steamer Chimborazo.	This day, Dec. 24, 1885.	Registered, 4.30 p.m. Ordinary, 5 p.m., 6d. the &c.	4.30 p.m. 1d. each.	Will be received up to 6.30 p.m. for the U. Kingdom only. Ex. fee, 6d.

For rates to places other than the United Kingdom see "Postal Guide."

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

In the Stock and Share market to-day very little business was done; and except that Bank of New Zealand were rather lower there was scarcely any change in price. The following sales were reported:—Joint Stock Bank, 15¼; Hudson Brothers, 9s.; Burwood Coal (20s. paid), 16s. 6d.; Tonkin Silver, 1s. 8d. There was no afternoon meeting. Closing quotations were:—

Companies.	Capital nominal.	Capital paid up.	Sh'res pd up.	Prices. Buyer	Prices. Seller
BANKS.	£	£	£		
Australasia ...	1,600,000	1,600,000	40	...	...
Commercial ...	600,000	600,000	25	104	106
City ...	240,000	240,000	8	15½	16
Joint Stock ...	500,000	500,000	8	15¼	15½
New South Wales ...	1,000,000	1,000,000	20	55	56
New Zealand ...	1,000,000	1,000,000	10	...	20½
On N. Z. Register ...	...	...	...	...	20½
Mercantile ...	300,000	300,000	4	5¼	6¼
Queensland National	1,000,000	600,000	5	9¼	9½
Union ...	1,500,000	1,500,000	25	...	...
Federal ...	655,000	327,500	50/	58/	59/6
INSURANCE.					
General Marine ...	60,000	30,000	2½	4¾	...
Pacific Fire & Marine	1,000,000	40,000	2	...	...
Sydney Marine ...	100,000	20,000	1	...	...
United ...	500,000	25,000	1	...	60/
Australian Mut. Fire	100,000	12,500	2/6	...	14/
City Mutual Fire ...	150,000	15,000	2/	1/8	1/11
Mercantile Mut. Fire	100,000	10,000	2/	3/9	4/
New Zealand ...	1,000,000	200,000	2	...	...
STEAM.					
Australasia ...	320,000	320,000	20	12¾	13½
Clarence & Richmond	50,000	50,000	10	...	7½
Ditto, preferential ...	12,500	12,500	10	...	...
Hunter River ...	55,000	55,000	10	...	10
Illawarra ...	55,425	55,425	5	7½	...
North Shore Ferry ...	20,000	18,000	20/	42/	44/
Ditto, new shares, 4th call paid ...	...	...	...	...	...
Newcastle ...	60,000	60,000	20/	12/9	13/6
Port Jackson ...	75,000	45,000	3	64/	68/
Balmain Ferry ...	40,000	30,000	15/	19/6	20/
Ditto ...	...	...	5/	7/	7/6
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Gaslight ...	300,000	300,000	6	13¾	14¼
Ditto, new issue ...	300,000	175,000	30/	10	10½
Sydney Exchange ...	30,000	26,330	10	13	14
City Carrying ...	50,000	12,500	10/	7/	8/
Castlemaine Brewery	65,000	63,000	1	24/	...
Hudson Brothers ...	300,000	150,000	12/6	8/9	9/3
Saywell's Tobacco ...	110,000	110,000	20/	...	17/6
N. S. W. Shale and Oil	100,000	68,750	13/9	...	7/
Mont de Piete ...	50,000	50,000	20/	20/	21/3
Perkins ...	125,000	125,000	25/	34/	35/6
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Anglo. & I. F. & L. ...	...	26,634	...	41/6	...
C. B. and In ...	200,000	50,000	50/	65/	...
Excelsr. L. B. I. F. & B.	110,900	57,960	2	50/	...
Metrop. B. and In. ...	100,000	100,000	5	6	6¾
Merc. B. L. and In. ...	...	29,785	20/	21/	22/
Ditto ...	...	...	7/	7/	...
Sydney Freehold ...	50,000	18,750	7/6	...	27/
Sydney & Pro. Land	...	21,664	...	...	6¾
MINING.					
Bulli ...	59,260	59,260	10	...	11½
Wallsend Coal ...	40,000	40,000	4	39	40
Waratah Coal ...	60,000	60,000	6	6	7
Burwood Coal ...	60,000	30,000	1	16/3	16/9
Ditto ...	...	...	p. 16/	13/3	14/
Stockton Coal ...	60,000	46,500	20/	25/6	26/6
Wallerawang ...	13,000	13,000	1	...	...
Vale of Clwydd ...	30,000	30,000	...	13/3	...
Great Cobar ...	80,000	80,000	1	7/6	9/
Band and Albion ...	449,000	...	20	...	66/
Wesley Tin ...	40,000	40,000	1	1/	2/6
Wickham and Bullock Island Coal ...	70,000	70,000	1	23/	24/
Nymagee Copper ...	80,000	80,000	1	12/6	14/
New Mt. Hope Copper	24,000	24,000	20/	...	...
Silver King Silver ...	96,000	84,000	19/9	16/	17/
Sunny Corner Silver...	64,000	48,000	16	43/6	45/
Nevada ...	80,000	80,000	1	1/1	1/3
Tonkin ...	40,000	26,000	13/	1/5	2/
Great Western ...	64,000	56,000	17/6	...	3/
Lubra ...	100,000	...	10	...	2/6
DEBENTURES.	Issue.	Due.	Int.		
N. S. W. terminables	5,586,000	1901-2	5	109	...
Ditto ditto ...	7,358,800	'93 to 1911	4	100	...
Ditto, inscribed stock	580,196	...	...	...	...

Several of the banks have reduced the rate for drafts on London at sixty days' sight to ½ per cent. premium; others still quote the old rate ¾ per cent. premium. The buying rate is 5s. discount to par.

A meeting of the South Pinnacle Prospecting Company, Limited, was held to-day; Mr. Arthur Dight in the chair. A progress report was submitted and adopted. A telegram from the mining manager just to hand, states that in trenching he has cut a lode 10 feet wide showing silver and galena, and with indications of being a payable lode when developed.

Mr. T. H. Hale reports having floated the Eveleen Silver-mining Company, Port Darwin, capital £100,000, in 20s. shares. Active operations will be commenced at once.

In the Import markets business is now almost entirely suspended. No one cares to add to stock pending the annual stocktaking, and in consequence the bulk of the considerable shipments of merchandise which have not been sold to arrive will have to go into store. Any importers compelled to force off goods at the present time would probably have to accept very unremunerative prices. In passing over the leading lines of merchandise the figures given are mostly quotations, not prices actually obtained. The flour market is quiet, but firm. Quotations: Adelaide town brands, £9 15s. to £10 5s.; country, £8 15s. to £9 5s.; New South Wales, £9 15s. to £10 5s.; Victorian, £8 12s. to £9 5s.; New Zealand, £8 5s. Roller-made flour, 10s. to 15s. extra. The bulk of the wheat crop in the Cootamundra district purchased by Goulburn millers. The Melbourne market exhibits a firmer tone; the Victorian crop statistics indicating a probable deficiency of 1,500,000 bushels, as compared with last year's returns, and limiting the surplus available for export to 82,438 tons, are of course only what had been anticipated. As the South Australian crop is not expected to give a surplus equal to half that of last year, and there will be a deficient crop in this colony, Australia will not have half as much wheat to send to Europe next year as has been sent this. There are better prospects in New Zealand; but as yet we have seen no estimates of crop, and estimates there are very unsatisfactory, for in several years good crops have been damaged in harvesting. In tea there was some inquiry, though no considerable business, but it is believed that after the beginning of the year there will be a good trade. The coffee trade is extremely quiet, No. 1 Ceylon Plantation, 7½d., weak; Barry's chicory, 6d.; Epps' cocoa, 1s. 5½d. quoted; Fry's malted at 1s. 4d. At the auction grocery sale to-day there was no disposition to do business, and the sales were of an unimportant character. The sugar market discloses no new feature. Colonial sorts are selling from £15 to £20. Queensland whites quoted at £25 to £25 10s. In dried fruits currants are quoted at 4½d. to 5d.; elemes, 6d. to 6½d.; sultanas, to 6d. for best fruit. Figs, 6s. 9d. to 7s. 6d. Bottled fruits, 10s. 6d. to 11s. 6d. In rice there is not much doing. Low qualities of rice command £13 to £15; and fine table sorts £17 to £18. Sago and tapioca, in trade lines, are selling at 2d. per lb. Pepper, spices, and other eastern produce are unchanged in value. Coarse salt overstocked; Liverpool 60s., and black horse 65s., are full prices for large parcel; fine salt is likewise fully supplied, and may be quoted from 75s. to 85s. Rock, dull of sale at 62s. 6d. Stearine candles, 7d. to 7½d.; market still overstocked. In fish, tinned salmon may be quoted at 6s. 9d.; sardines, 7s. 6d. for halves and 4s. 9d. for quarters. Herrings in limited request; fresh, 4s. 9d. to 5s.; kippered, 7s. 6d. to 8s. 6d.; red, 26s. to 30s. Pickles and oils are dull of sale, and market low. In brewers' goods, English malt is worth from 7s. to 7s. 8d., according to sample. Hops, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d.; Tasmanian hops, 10d. to 11d. In liquors, best brands of bottle ale are selling freely at up to 10s. 6d. for quarts, and 7s. 6d. for pints. Stout, worth 9s. 6d., and 6s. 9d. for best brands. Hennessy's brandy is moving off at 35s. and 46s. for single star and three-star respectively; second-class brandy in moderate request. Lowndes' rum, 8s. 4d. to 8s. 4½d.; Preston's, 8s. 2d.; Red Hart, 22s. Geneva is dull of sale, and market weak at 11s. 6d. Burnett's Old Tom, 11s. 6d. For whisky there is a moderately good demand for the leading brands at late quotations, but the numerous new outside brands attempted to be forced on the market do not move off very freely. The range of values is from 14s. to 22s. for case, and from 4s. to 12s. for bulk. Champagne has had brisk sale for the Christmas trade; a good trade was done to-day in Krug's and Ruinart's. In metals there is scarcely anything doing. Here and there we hear of a line forced off at low prices, but generally there is not much buying. Galvanised iron may be quoted from £17 10s. to £20 10s., the latter paid for small lots of Gospel Oak. Pig iron is still overstocked; 60s. to 62s. 6d. is value. Sheet lead worth £15 to £15 5s. in parcels; a parcel placed to arrive at £15. Fencing wire, No. 8, is worth £10 5s. to £10 15s., and No. 10, £11 5s. to £11 15s., according to brand, in small lots. Tinplates are fully stocked, and 16s. is a nominal quotation for IC Coke's; others selling at proportionate rates. Wire nails, 14s. In oils we hear of business in Aurora kerosene to arrive at 1s. 3½d.; hight test oil quoted to 1s. 9d. Raw and boiled in drum worth 3s. 2d. to 3s. 4d.; castor, 2s. 11d.; China, 2s. 10d. In drugs the trade is very dull and prices weak. A fall in caustic and carbonate of soda in England has weakened the value here; 60 per cent. caustic, with which the market is heavily overstocked, cannot be quoted over £10 10s.; for carbonate of soda, £9 asked; cream of tartar, 1s. 8½d. in kegs; tartaric acid, 1s. 9½d. in jars; whiting done at 70s. In jute goods, a small parcel of woolpacks, loose ends, placed at 1s. 10½d.; cornsacks, 5s. 6d. The market is heavily stocked with slates, especially American, and more than £7 could not be quoted for 20 x 10's; for Bangor £8 10s. asked. Cement obtainable from 14s. to 15s., the latter quoted for K.B.S.

The captains of 10 American vessels now in port with lumber cargoes have sent a letter to the Chamber of Commerce, setting forth the disabilities they labour under in respect to the discharge of their cargoes in this port. They have asked the chamber to take these matters into consideration, having been so advised by the Collector of Customs and the United States Consul. We understand that the committee will be invited to deal with the letter at their earliest meeting, although the captains of the vessels alluded to are desirous of their decision, not for immediate action, but for future guidance in their charters. It is satisfactory to observe that the chamber is growing in the confidence of those whose interest it is to look to this body for advice and redress. No doubt matters so intimately connected with the prosperity of the colony as are the shipping interests will be dealt with carefully and satisfactorily by members of the chamber whose mercantile experience peculiarly fits them for such work.

Messrs. Mort and Co., Limited, offered 4381 bales wool at auction to-day. There was a large attendance of buyers, who competed very freely for all fairly grown, good-conditioned greasies, at about last week's rates; but faulty and poorly skirted lots were not so readily placed. Washed fleece was in firm request, but without quotable improvement in value. 3037 bales were sold at from 4½d. to 8½d. for greasy; 8½d. to 12d. for washed fleece. Of scoured, no attractive lines were submitted. Among the most noticeable clips disposed of were—Grease, C ⊣ over New England, 13 at 7½d.; C over S, 14 at 7¼d.; FJM over Yarrowick, 40 at 7¾d., 8 lambs at 6½d.; GM, 12 bales at 7½d.; HGM, 30 at 7d.; HB&R, 19 at 7¼d.; JW over G, 18 at 6½d.; ⌈W, 10 at 6d.; JD conjoined in diamond, 45 at 7¼d.; PM in diamond, 20 at 6½d.; PST, 14 at 5d.; RH over P, 24 at 5¾d.; RH, 13 at 6¼d.; SFM over New England, 15 at 5½d.; WE over C, 15 at 5¾d.; C over Tea Tree Creek, 10 at 8¼d.; A in diamond over Numby, 15 at 7¾d.; ⌒ over B, 16 at 7¼d.; C and FB, 40 at 8d.; EK, 15 at 7¾d.; FS over Wheo, 17 at 7¼d.; JK, 25 at 6½d.; JBB, 20 at 7d.; M over M, 16 at 7d.; TM over Toole's Creek, 82 at 8d.; KC over Corcoran's Plains, 30 at 6½d.; BP, 14 at 5d.; WC, 28 at 5d.; WK over M, 16 at 6d.; BJ over Y, 15 at 6¾d.; BC over N, 13 at 4½d.; J. Lettice over Bunnan, 18 at 6½d.; JW over Malong, 15 at 5½d.; JC over Rock Lodge, 21 at 5d.; MT over diamond, 23 at 8d., 7 cloth at 7¼d., 26 skirts at 4½d.; EC over Mogong, 38 at 5¾d.; JJH, 72 at 6d.; WP, 43 at 6½d.; BS over 2, 78 at from 7½d. to 6¾d.; MS over W, 22 at 7½d.; JP over B, 41 at 5½d.; Mahcoolma, 22 at 7½d.; P in circle, 23 at 6¾d.; S over C, 65 at 6d.; GS over O, 41 at 6¾d.; HF, 19 at 8d. Fleece: ⌈C, 8 at 10¼d.; JT over ⊢, 10 at 8½d.; PH over 69, 15 at 10½d.; WM over Cargo, 30 at 10d.; GIV over Adginbilly, 22 at 12d.; HO over Z, 15 at 11d.; MBB, 53 at 9¾d.; JL, 27 at 9¾d.; T Cheney over Foster's Valley, 16 at 9½d.

The following table shows the declared value of the imports and exports at the Sydney Customs from January 1 to December 19, 1884 and 1885:—

—	1884. Imports.	1884. Exports.	1885. Imports.	1885. Exports.
To Jan. 10 ...	£743,380	£841,063	£385,137	£516,785
" 17 ...	553,500	222,250	428,141	147,127
" 24 ...	193,087	220,160	288,438	387,577
" 31 ...	278,118	482,565	508,558	349,260
Feb. 7 ...	350,391	404,914	408,727	182,992
" 14 ...	467,005	440,088	351,887	237,956
" 21 ...	474,278	241,856	501,302	226,965
" 28 ...	539,956	261,963	254,363	191,796
Mch. 7 ...	288,276	149,714	400,436	174,825
" 14 ...	470,095	250,262	281,437	140,973
" 21 ...	470,311	275,513	414,724	221,504
" 28 ...	385,416	218,495	484,563	230,779
April 4 ...	320,675	179,463	402,912	116,052
" 11 ...	469,554	135,546	504,640	115,171
" 18 ...	321,269	122,864	420,677	199,450
" 25 ...	403,555	239,351	469,820	148,143
May 2 ...	450,352	183,303	257,066	215,591
" 9 ...	344,377	126,243	259,373	119,966
" 16 ...	341,286	195,480	460,457	118,336
" 23 ...	316,939	156,919	264,982	173,239
" 30 ...	378,919	154,309	372,096	218,901
June 6 ...	306,097	133,874	400,677	144,923
" 13 ...	443,636	152,566	464,338	147,387
" 20 ...	463,495	228,336	374,986	107,377
" 27 ...	256,543	184,928	389,462	192,211
July 4 ...	358,262	164,851	338,506	141,450
" 11 ...	358,198	97,074	252,393	151,673
" 18 ...	493,058	201,883	396,886	167,306
" 25 ...	297,667	162,971	348,907	98,408
Aug. 1 ...	256,367	151,108	378,791	134,702
" 8 ...	438,108	0,507	462,884	150,365
" 15 ...	442,287	123,339	570,998	175,919
" 22 ...	502,390	286,022	438,390	192,644
" 29 ...	491,946	90,118	273,783	112,229
Sept. 5 ...	501,705	111,027	744,296	146,863
" 12 ...	39[illegible],674	119,721	329,767	277,487
" 19 ...	363,296	183,288	410,208	350,201
" 26 ...	319,737	271,204	511,147	114,035
Oct. 3 ...	248,995	148,443	408,864	253,198
" 10 ...	340,469	189,641	245,626	304,277
" 17 ...	488,119	265,953	387,205	273,488
" 24 ...	332,856	86,178	325,166	254,173
" 31 ...	435,894	382,192	479,324	292,496
Nov. 7 ...	342,132	340,868	395,907	255,973
14 ...	224,422	241,565	341,089	429,279
21 ...	344,2[illegible]3	160,621	416,731	293,071
" 28 ...	444,009	465,597	355,750	351,021
Dec. 5 ...	255,933	487,254	408,755	470,279
" 12 ...	428,745	476,126	356,885	349,769
" 19 ...	454,302	374,039	357,094	328,094
	£20,084,420	£10,721,133	£19,616,370	£10,868,789

The value of imports at the port of Sydney for the week ending 19th December, 1885, amounts to £357,094, of which the principal items are:—

Apparel and drapery, £53,955; boots and shoes, £11,894; beer, £7709; flour, £10,492; gold, £4985; hardware, £39,183; kerosene oil, £1405; live stock, £2615; malt, £2099; skins and hides, £2883; sugar, £6132; tea, £3606; timber, £22,328; tin ore, £2650; tin ingots, £6495; tobacco and cigars, £5202; wine, £1498; whisky, £3422; wool, £4101.

The value of exports for the same period amounts to £328,094, of which the principal items are:—

Bone dust, £1613; books and stationery, £1899; boots and shoes, £2892; coal, £2336; coin, £13,930; copper, £1399; drapery, £5090; drugs, £4087; fancy goods, £1239; fruit (green), £1968; gold bars, £25,610; hardware, £5332; hides, £8247; live stock, £3054; machinery, £1588; preserved meats, £1126; skins, £3104; spirits, £1627; sugar, £3788; tallow, £5143; tin, £19,127; tobacco, £1917; wool, £189,698.

Messrs. R. Goldsbrough and Co. telegraphed from Melbourne yesterday:—

"We have this week offered 4300 bales of wool, and sold 3900 bales at full prices, greasy ranging to 10½d. and scoured to 18½d., which was obtained for a parcel of 67 bales. There was a large attendance and spirited competition at the sale.

The barque Aberfeldy arrived to-day from Liverpool with a cargo valued at £20,800; also, the barque Derry Castle, from Antwerp, with a large general cargo; and the Chilian barque Maxima, from Port Townsend, with a cargo of lumber.

The following was the customs revenue received to-day:—

Spirits, £2376 9s. 3d.; wine (still), £171 2s. 5d.; wine (sparkling), £41 5s.; ale, porter, and beer (in wood), £5 12s. 6d.; ale, porter, and beer (in bottles), £123 13s. 6d.; tobacco and snuff, £182 15s 5d.; cigars, £233 0s. 6d.; cigarettes, £28 10s.; tea, £116 7s. 5d.; coffee, £3 10s.; sugar (refined), £3 1s. 8d.; sugar (unrefined), £555 6s. 8d.; sugar (molasses), £2 6s. 1d.; opium, £97 15s.; rice, £70 17s. 10d.; dried fruits, £93 7s. 8s.; nuts, £14; malt, £61 11s. 6d.; hops, 1s.; specific duty, £1369 8s. 5d.; pilotage, Sydney, £31 2s. 8d.; harbour dues, £8; excise on tobacco, £290 13s.; excise on cigars and cigarettes, £7 10s.; Chinese restriction, £40; fisheries royalty, £5 5s. Total, £5932 12s. 2d.

LATEST COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

Victorian Share Report.—Sales: Commercial Bank, new issue, 71s., 72s.; Commercial Bank, £7 17s., £7 17s. 6d.; Queensland National, £7 5s.; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 27s., 27s. 6d.; Broken Hills, £14 10s., £14 15s.; Day Dream S. M. Company, 27s. 6d., 28s.; Duke Timor, 2s. 9d., 3s. 6d.; Egerton Company, 33s., 33s. 6d.; Hepburn Estate, £6, £6 10s. 6d.; Long Tunnel, £119 10s.; Long Tunnel Extended, £8 19s., £9 12s. 6d.; New Kong Meng, 18s. 6d., 19s. 6d.; Victoria Charters Towers, 11s.

Business in the breadstuffs market is very quiet, and there was no change in the quotations to-day for wheat and flour. Oats were sold at up to 2s. 11½d.; maize at from 3s. 11d. to 4s.; and bran from 14½d. to 15d. There was a fair demand for sugars at current rates. Teas were placed at up to 11d., with a firm market.

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Special Advertisements.

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"Liverpool Arms, King-street, Sydney, 19th Dec., 1885.
"Messrs. R. Towns and Co., Sydney.
"Gentlemen,—I have been selling the 'Budweiser' Lager Beer manufactured by the Anheuser Busch Brewing Association, St. Louis, for a considerable time, and the general satisfaction it has given stamps it as a brand of more than ordinary quality. It is now being regularly asked for, and I have no doubt ere long it will be the popular beer of the colony.
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"Prince of Wales Hotel, Haymarket, Sydney, December 12, 1885.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1885.

The unsatisfactory position of public affairs may be traced to a serious defect in the Constitution, and it supplies cogent argument in proof of the need for Constitutional change. It is almost certain that there are members of the Assembly who concurred in what Mr. ABBOTT said about the new Ministry on Tuesday last. It is possible that a majority held the opinions which he expressed. But his amendment was negatived without division, because the men were not present to whom his remarks applied. There is something to be admired in a generous indisposition to condemn absent men unheard. But the misfortune is that, whilst the interests of the men are thus protected, the interests of the country are left in jeopardy.

Why are these men not present to be tried and heard without delay? Because the Constitution deprives them of a place in the House. The provision of the Constitution was well meant. Its object was to provide against certain evils and dangers that were rife in England in days gone by. But, as the present crisis plainly shows, in guarding against one set of evils the law creates another; and the lesson from the facts before us is that the Constitution should be so changed as to make it better applicable to the circumstances amidst which we actually live, without sacrificing the protection it affords against the special form of corruption it was intended to check.

The Constitution originally provided that "any person holding any office of profit under the Crown" should be incapable of being elected, or of sitting or voting as a member of the Assembly; but it excepted the official members of the Government. It further provided that "if any member" should "accept of any office of profit . . . from the Crown," his election should be thereupon void, and a writ for a new election should forthwith issue. These provisions were

altered by the Amending Act of 1884 in detail, but not in principle. There is still the general rule that any member who accepts office of profit, whether it be ministerial or non-ministerial, shall lose his seat, and there is the same exception in favour of the ministerial office-holder, allowing him to be elected and to sit. Now, while the general rule of exclusion as to non-ministerial offices is sound, because it deprives the Executive of the power of purchasing votes in the House by direct patronage, it will not admit of full application to the ministerial office-holder, because his presence in the House is one of the conditions of Responsible Government. Hence, he is distinguished from the others by the provision which allows him to be elected while the others may not. But Parliament gains nothing in the way of check or guarantee for responsibility by compelling him to go out, and then letting him come in again; and Parliament would lose nothing by carrying the distinction to its logical issue, and allowing him, on the acceptance of a ministerial office, duly recognised and legally provided for, to retain his seat.

Nearly all that Mr. ABBOTT said the other night would admit of repetition when the new Ministry (should its members be re-elected) will meet the Assembly a month hence. No one will then dispute his right to say against them all he said on Tuesday. Least of all could Sir JOHN ROBERTSON then object, for his bald motion of want of confidence at the opening of the session was a declaration that it mattered not what the measures of the DIBBS Ministry might be—the men had not the confidence of the House, and should therefore be expelled from office. It will be quite legitimate for Mr. DIBBS or Mr. ABBOTT, or anybody else, to meet Sir JOHN ROBERTSON on his return in precisely the same way; and in support of any such motion the arguments of Mr. ABBOTT on Tuesday would be relevant and of force. If such a motion were carried, or if it were defeated by a majority of two or three, another change of Ministry would be the appropriate result. We are, therefore, face to face with this remarkable state of things, that at a time when every day is of importance in preparing for the restoration of public confidence by placing public affairs in a secure and satisfactory position, more than a month is thrown away because a Ministry which must be brought to court a month hence cannot be heard now in its own defence. A month hence Parliament will meet, probably to debate another want of confidence motion, and, perhaps, to carry it, and then to enter upon the same process of private negotiation and the same course of public delay once more. He would be a rash man who would stake much upon a guess as to the date of a real recommencement of public business.

No one can truly say that this is a desirable state of things. What is required at such a crisis as this is that the House should be able to deal with the new Ministry at once, and either give it an assured position, or distinctly withhold confidence from it. The public interests are at such a time of too much importance to admit of high offices of State being tossed about like shuttlecocks between successive sets of men who, while holding appointments from the Crown, cannot govern the country. The Constitution now practically suspends the power of the House, and says, according to the interpretation which the practice of the House has placed upon it, "Even if the most incompetent men should be made Ministers, the House shall be silent until they come before it after election, although meanwhile, as *de facto* Ministers, they may bring loss or disgrace upon the country."

Mr. GARRETT: "All they wanted and asked was that the Constitution should be carried out, and that the duty of approving of the gentlemen who had undertaken to form a Ministry should be relegated in a constitutional way to the people of the country; and he did not recognise any power in the House which would entitle it to step in between the Ministry and the people to whom it had now appealed." How is the duty of approving of the new Ministry now relegated to the people of the country? The people whom the new Ministers have represented, and will seek to represent, are not the people of the country. They may, for anything apparent to the contrary, be bodies of people specially interested in the return of these particular men, whether by reason of favours procured or of favours looked for. They may be interested in their return on grounds conflicting with the interest of the country. Neither are they the country, nor do they represent the country. It is well known that in the formation of Ministries suitable men whom the country would approve are sometimes passed by because, for some special or personal and perhaps petty reason, their re-election by their own constituencies appears doubtful. Instead of the House stepping in between the Ministry and the people to whom it has appealed, there is no such thing as an appeal to the people. On the contrary, by this form of renewed election a new Ministry, however deserving of summary sentence it may be, is enabled to thrust the incidental delays of the elections between the date of its acceptance of office and the day of its fate, and to hold itself so far and so long free from trial by the people of the country represented by the House. What is the value of this falsely-called appeal to the people when the issue of it can be overturned upon the real appeal in a day?

Shortly before the prorogation of the Victorian Parliament, the Government brought in a bill to amend the electoral law by giving ten additional members to the Legislative Assembly. The bill was regarded as urgent, because the present House will cease to exist in a few months, and the changes proposed were desired in view of the next general election. It was, therefore, in the absence of an opposition of any appreciable influence, hurried through the Assembly with defective information and little debate. The Council, however, did not approve of such treatment of a question affecting the Constitution. The Government admitted that there was not time to go fully into it, and the Council, holding that for that very reason the time was unsuitable for the passing of the bill, threw it out by a majority of twenty to ten. There have been times in the history of the colony when such a summary disposal by the Council of a bill relating to the Constitution of the Assembly would have raised a storm in the country. There were men in those days who found it to their purpose to foment disputes between the two Chambers, and to stir up the Assembly to coerce the Council whenever the opportunity for the attempt appeared. These have either lost place in public life, or learnt wisdom, and the incident has been allowed to pass. The fact is that people across the border have seen that in the midst of heated political conflict the public interest is thrust aside, and that legislative progress and beneficial administration are to be looked for in times of peace. And the politicians know which way the current of opinion runs. It would be well if, in our own colony, such gentlemen could be taught a similar lesson.

In the course of the debate on this Electoral Bill in the Legislative Council some facts of interest were brought out by Mr. CUTHBERT, who led the opposition to the measure. One of these was that the number of electors of the Assembly was undergoing a decrease. In 1883-4 it was 190,832, in 1884-5 it was 190,434. Now, although it would not be well to build much upon this foundation—for serious mistakes are sometimes made in the preparation of electoral rolls, and something of the kind may have happened in this case—the statement is a remarkable one, indicating as it does retrogression instead of progress in the adult male population of the colony.

Another point of interest was the expenditure on the machinery of Parliamentary government. Mr. CUTHBERT estimates it at nearly £111,000 per annum. This includes interest on the cost of Parliamentary buildings, but also £43,100 in members' salaries (exclusive of those of the Ministers). Where payment of members prevails, proposals to enlarge the number present themselves in a new light. This bill, for instance, involved an additional expenditure of £3000 a year, and was, under the principle of some rulings in our own Assembly, at least constructively, a money bill.

But the point of chief interest is to be found in the argument that inequalities in the representation should be rectified by a general readjustment, which would deal with redundancies as well as with deficiencies, and level down as well as level up. It is an easy thing to simply give more members from time to time to constituencies that can show a plausible claim and press it with urgency. It is a difficult one to reduce the representation of constituencies. Ministers that would willingly take the one course shrink from the other, and postpone its adoption as long as they can. This bill, presented by one of the strongest Ministries our neighbours have had, is an illustration of the tendency. Our own Electoral Act, which also was passed by a strong Ministry, is another illustration. In the latter case the principle of self-adjustment only operates one way. When that principle was first proposed for introduction into our electoral system, provision was made for its action both ways. Constituencies that showed an increase in the number of their electors were to have an increased share of representation, but constituencies that showed a decrease were to have their number of members reduced. But in course of time the equity of this arrangement was forgotten or overlooked, and its unpopularity was the medium through which it was considered, and the result was the one-sided system that now regulates our representation. We may go on increasing the number of members in our Assembly until the crowd is too large for the House to hold; but, if an electorate should be deserted by three-fourths of its population, the remaining one-fourth will continue to send as many members as before to take part in the distribution of public expenditure.

For some reasons the self-adjusting principle recommends itself as preferable to the old system, which allowed anomalies and inequalities to accumulate until a general readjustment was forced upon the country. But a self-adjusting system that only points one way is a deliberate compromise with the development of inequalities. It is self-contradictory, because its fundamental principle is that a permanent system for the removal of inequalities is better than special legislation; and yet it leaves inequalities of one sort to be cured, if at all, by special legislation. It cannot be expected that this contradiction will be tolerated long. Neither will the public rest satisfied with the provisions for the steady increase of the number of members if they remain on their present basis. It would be hard to point out a single beneficial result that has followed the large additions that have been made to the Assembly within the last few years. The tone of the House has not been improved, neither has its efficiency as a legislative chamber. But there are not wanting indications that, if the process of growth lately witnessed is to go on without interruption for a few years more, it will not be a question of absence of improvement, but one of positive deterioration that the country will be discussing.

The unhealthiness of the suburbs has again been brought under our notice by means of the report of the REGISTRAR-GENERAL on the vital statistics of the metropolitan district for November. There is no explaining away the significance of the figures contained in the document. The number of deaths in the suburbs was 390, being 124 (or nearly one-third) above the quinquennial average. A stranger reading that bald statement would naturally conclude that an extraordinary plague had been raging in the districts where these deaths occurred. We know, however, that there has been no such visitation. What has happened is, that diseases that are always amongst us have been developed into abnormal activity, and have wrought wholesale destruction. Zymotic diseases carried off 27¼ per cent. But those diseases are preventable; and, therefore, not less than one hundred lives were last month needlessly sacrificed in the suburbs alone. If any thing is calculated to set people thinking on the subject of municipal and domestic cleanliness, surely it is that. Typhoid has been particularly active. Speaking at a meeting at St. Leonards, one evening this week, a local physician made a statement to the effect that when it was announced one day that in a town in England of 35,000 inhabitants, in which he was residing, seven cases of typhoid fever were known to exist, the people manifested the deepest alarm, and eminent doctors were brought down from London to deal with the situation. But, at the time the physician was speaking, there were nearly twenty cases of typhoid in the St. Leonards district alone; and that suburb has always been regarded as one of the healthiest. Typhoid killed thirteen people in the suburbs last month; and as the disease rarely attacks children or old people, it need not be stated what those figures imply. The seriousness of the statistics is increased by the circumstance that they are a contrast to those for the city. For example, the deaths within the boundaries of the Sydney municipality were only twenty-two more than the quinquennial average, and typhoid obtained only two victims. The infantile deaths were 48·51 per cent. of the aggregate mortality in the city, and 2·68 per cent. below the previous five years' average. The percentage in the suburbs was 68·46, which is 5·98 more than the average; that is to say, 8½ per cent. more children die in the suburbs than in the city. Yet the principal reason that induces many people to settle in the suburbs is the supposition that their children will be benefited thereby. These statistics show that when parents take their children to the suburbs, they take them into the midst of danger. No doubt the exceptionally dry weather and a scanty water supply have had a great deal to do with suburban unhealthiness; but careless and bad management have also contributed to the result. The several borough councils must be up and doing. Their present duty is to increase the number of scavengers, to thoroughly cleanse all gutters and drains, and to rigidly enforce their by-laws respecting filthy premises. If this course is not pursued, it may be expected that the summer months will be more fatal than was the month of November.

Sir ALFRED STEPHEN spoke truly when he said that the new Art Gallery, which was opened by Lord CARRINGTON yesterday, is undeniably ugly. A more hideous building externally does not exist in the colony. But if it is ugly without, it is beautiful within; and when the whole design is completed it may be that, æsthetically, it will be considered worthy of the magnificent site on which it stands. Knowing that it is in an unfinished state, no one will seriously complain of its external baldness. It is a matter for congratulation that we have got the present instalment of the Art Gallery that is to be. We shall now be easy in our minds in respect to the safety of the pictures, and the other art treasures contained in the building. We had not that feeling whilst the old edifice was being used. It was constructed of inflammable material, and it was incapable of resisting the influence of the weather. The pictures, therefore, were threatened with fire on the one hand, and with mildew on the other. The latter had actually done a large amount of damage; and if the pictures had not been removed, some of them would, in the course of a few months, have been completely destroyed. The testimony is that internally the new Art Gallery is well adapted for the purpose for which it has been built. There is not only plenty of light, but what is of equal importance, the light has been well distributed. This will enhance the enjoyment of the visitors. In his speech Sir ALFRED STEPHEN reminded his audience that our Art Gallery, as a State institution, has been in existence only about twelve years. It was a feeble affair in the beginning. The Parliament set it going with a grant of £500, which, in 1875, was increased to £1000. The two sums are less than we have since given for a single picture. The Government had to be cautious, because they did not know how the public would feel in regard to the experiment. Their doubts, however, on that point were soon dispelled. When a fair collection of pictures had been obtained, the Art Gallery at once became one of the chief attractions for the people, and from that time until the present, it has steadily increased in popularity. Its principal object is, no doubt, to give recreation; and, as the attendance proves, it is fulfilling this in a satisfactory manner. But it is also doing a higher and nobler work, for it is assisting to develop the artistic faculty. We have scores of painters amongst us to-day who would probably have remained for ever ignorant of painting but for the Art Gallery. Some of them have *not, of course,* obtained a high degree of excellence in their profession; but they have got the intellectual refinement which is almost invariably produced by the study of notable examples of painting in all who are susceptible of art inspirations; and that is a great gain to the community. Both as a source of pleasure and as a school of instruction, our Art Gallery is destined to do a great work.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE cable informs us that the Hon. John Douglas has been appointed interim High Commissioner of New Guinea. We also learn that Sir George Bowen is about to retire from the Colonial Service. He will return to England presently.

THE members of the new Government commenced their duties in their respective offices yesterday morning, and remained at their offices until about 4 in the afternoon when a Cabinet meeting was held. All the Ministers were present. The business of the meeting it is believed was a consideration of the Government policy, the publication of addresses by Ministers to their constituents and the elections. The address of the Premier, Sir John Robertson, has not yet been issued, but it will probably be published to-morrow. It will, we believe, contain an outline of the Ministerial policy. Details, at least on some points, will be left until Sir John has a suitable opportunity for making a speech in public. The writs for the elections were issued yesterday, and, as will be seen elsewhere, the date of nomination in each case is January 6, and, except in the instances of Balmain and West Sydney, the polling is to take place on January 11. The polling at Balmain has been fixed for January 8, and at West Sydney on January 7.

PREVIOUS to leaving the office of Colonial Secretary, in order to make way for his successor, Sir Patrick Jennings had prepared a bill to deal with the phylloxera in the vineyards of the Camden district. As, however, the bill is a Government measure, it will not be introduced in the Legislative Assembly by its framer. If it should be approved of by Sir John Robertson, it will be that hon. gentleman who will submit it for the consideration of Parliament.

YESTERDAY evening a banquet of welcome was given by his Worship the Mayor of Sydney (Alderman T. Playfair) to his Excellency Baron Carrington, the new Governor of New South Wales. There was a very large and representative gathering of citizens present. The Mayor, who occupied the chair, having first proposed the toasts of "The Queen," and the "Prince of Wales and rest of the Royal Family," gave the health of "His Excellency Lord Carrington," which was drunk with much enthusiasm. His Excellency made an appropriate reply, and concluded by proposing "Prosperity to New South Wales," to which Sir James Martin responded. Mr. Dalley proposed "The Chairman," and Sir Alfred Stephen proposed the health of "Lady Carrington;" and other toasts having been duly honoured, the proceedings terminated.

AT noon yesterday the ceremony of opening the present portion of the new Art Gallery in the Domain was performed by his Excellency the Governor. The portion opened has been in course of erection for some months, and forms part only of the design prepared by Mr. Horbury Hunt, and determined upon for the completed National Gallery. Its present bare and unsightly exterior must not, therefore, be regarded as permanent. The present building possesses great advantages over the old gallery; it is substantial and has plenty of wall-space. At the appointed hour the Governor, accompanied by Lady Carrington and suite, arrived, and was received by the trustees and escorted to a dais erected for their reception. There was a representative assemblage of citizens present, including many ladies. Sir Alfred Stephen delivered a speech, in which he set forth the steps taken to provide a home for the art works of the colony. He then requested the Governor to open the institution. His Excellency did so, and made a brief speech, in which he stated that he recognised several of the paintings as old friends. In one—namely, Millais' "Captive"—he had a personal interest, for the lady of whom the subject in this fine picture was a portrait, had been recently married to a nephew of his. Mr. Du Fau, the hon. secretary, gave an account of the operations of the society, and referred particularly to the large numbers of people who had visited the old gallery, and the small expense which had been incurred in connection with it when compared with institutions of a similar kind in other countries. The expense here was only three farthings per head of the people admitted, whilst in other places it ranged from twopence to fourpence three farthings per head. After the institution had been declared open, Sir Alfred Stephen escorted Lady Carrington and his Excellency accompanied Lady Stephen to view the pictures.

THE Railway authorities have requested us to state that passengers, and especially if ladies or children, travelling to Goulburn, Bathurst, and Orange, will find it more convenient to take the following special trains: 2.15 and 7 p.m. to Goulburn, 2 p.m. to Bathurst, and 7.25 p.m. to Orange. These trains stop at all intermediate stations, and as they are in addition to the ordinary passenger trains are less likely to be inconveniently crowded.

WE are informed that the late Postmaster-General, Mr. See, had under his consideration the desirableness of affording a Sunday morning delivery of letters from the General Post Office, Sydney. It will be recollected that a question bearing on the subject was asked by Mr. W. J. Fergusson, M.L.A., in Parliament on the 27th November last. It is found that to open the various mails and to sort the letters so as to be ready for delivery at about 9 o'clock in the morning, would require the attendance of about 24 of the mail branch officials; and it is considered that as no great demand on the part of the public has been manifested, the extra expense which would be entailed by affording the Sunday delivery, to say nothing of the imposition of Sunday labour upon the officials, renders it inexpedient to grant such a delivery at present.

FOR some years past it has been customary for the various postal administrations of the world to exchange greetings on the occurrence of a new year. These greetings are conveyed in the form of pictorial cards, and the colony of New South Wales is not behind in its display of artistic capacity. We have received a folded card prepared at the Government Printing Office, Sydney, for the year 1886. It contains three pictures, reproduced by the heliotype process, from original drawings of Mr. Arthur L. Jackson, who is a member of the Council of the Art Society of New South Wales, and also a prominent official at the Government Printing Office. The first picture represents a view of Sydney from Watson's Bay, showing the new high tower of the General Post Office. Across the sky in graduated letters are placed the words, "With greetings and good wishes for 1886," and in the left-hand corner a card is thrown upon the picture bearing the inscription, "From the officers of the Postal, Telegraphic, Money Order and Government Savings Bank Departments, Sydney, New South Wales." The second page of the card contains postal and other statistics of the colony. The third page displays a view of the Fitzroy Falls, New South Wales; and on the last page is a very artistic representation of a kangaroo surrounded by characteristic flora of the colony.

WE are requested to state that the report on Public school exhibits, referred to in report of Committee on Education to meeting of Commission for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, held on Tuesday last, and duly adopted, was drawn up after careful inspection of the exhibits by a committee consisting of the following gentlemen appointed by the Department of Public Instruction at the instance of the Commission: Mr. William E. Kemp, architect for Public schools; Mr. J. M'Credie, district inspector, and Mr. James Conway, head master Fort-street Model School. There were examined 190 exhibits from 19 Public schools, of which 80 were accepted and 110 rejected.

SHORTLY before 9 o'clock yesterday morning, the President of the Board of Health (Dr. Maclaurin) received a communication from the local health officer at Newcastle to the effect that the steamship Duke of Argyle, direct from Brisbane, hove in sight off Newcastle shortly after daylight, and that there were two cases of diarrhœa on board. The message also stated that the health officer could not board the vessel in consequence of the sea being too rough, and that it would be noon before the steamer would be able to enter the Newcastle harbour. On the receipt of this message, the President of the Health Board instructed the local health officer to send the vessel on to Sydney at once. The vessel arrived at the Sydney Heads last evening about half-past 5 o'clock, and was boarded by the health authorities. The Duke of Argyle left London on the 8th of October, having on board between 300 and 400 emigrants, and a number of saloon passengers. On the voyage out she touched at several places, such as Malta, Port Said, Colombo, and Batavia. She entered Moreton Bay on the 8th instant, and, on the 9th, went up to the wharf at Brisbane. Only two deaths occurred during the voyage. When the Inspecting Medical Officer boarded the vessel last night he found that two lascars belonging to the crew had been suffering from a slight attack of diarrhœa, having fallen ill on the 22nd instant. It was found that one had recovered, and that the other was about returning to duty. No disease having been found on the vessel, and there having been no possibility of contamination from the Dorunda, it is probable that the Health Officer will grant the vessel pratique as soon as she has been thoroughly cleansed and fumigated under the regulations applicable to ships arriving from all cholera-infected ports.

THE storage of water and the construction of tanks and dams are the subjects which are dealt with in that portion of the Water Conservation Commission's report which we publish to-day. The tanks and dams that have been constructed in the far west have rendered habitable a large extent of country which previously, in certain seasons, was, by reason of the absence of water, dangerous to the life of man and beast; and the Commission have gathered much interesting information relating to this subject.

THE collections made by the members of the exploratory expedition sent by the Geographical Society of Australia to New Guinea will be formally declared open for public inspection at noon to-day, by Sir Edward Strickland, K.C.B., president of the Sydney branch of the society. The collections comprise a number of specimens illustrative of the manners and customs of the natives of that portion of New Guinea visited by the members of the expedition, as also a large number of zoological and botanical specimens.

AN extraordinary rumour took possession of the people in Rome concerning the Caroline Islands dispute, promulgated by the Liberal journals of the Holy City. Some surprise was expressed that a Protestant sovereign, the Emperor of Germany, had appealed to Pope Leo to arbitrate between Germany and Spain on the above question. It was stated that among the cardinals called to discuss the matter with his Holiness was Cardinal Ledochowski, a determined opponent of Prince Bismarck; and his appointment as one of the "Congregation" to examine the documents connected with the dispute created astonishment, and was regarded as "a curious fact in the Papal acceptance of mediation," as the Pope could not have been ignorant of the effect it would produce on Bismarck. The rumour, after being allowed to float about for some time, turned out to be wholly untrue, as the Pope, beyond consulting the Cardinals in a general way, kept the matter in his own hands. The details of the *canard* are given in the letter of our Rome correspondent, which appears in another part of to-day's *Herald*.

A NUMBER of improvements are being made in the Botanic Gardens, including the erection of two hothouses, which have just been built in the neighbourhood of the nursery. Each of these hothouses is 40 feet in length by 20 feet in width, and they will be heated by water issuing from a boiler-house, and circulated by means of two quadruple sets of 4-inch iron pipes. The lower portion of the houses is built of brick and cement, above which is a stone coping supporting an iron framework, filled in with panes of glass. An establishment is being erected in the Gardens which should not fail to win the appreciation of those for whom it was specially designed. It is a small building in the Gardenesque-Florentine style of architecture, which is reached by a little-used pathway, and is quite embowered by trees of various kinds. The structure is of a unique as well as exceedingly pretty design, of which porches, columns having foliated capitals, and a cornice having dentils, are the principal features. The building has been designed as a ladies' refreshment-room, and the back portion will be fitted with lavatories. The public room is 24 feet long by 12 feet in width, and it is to be supplied with cedar fittings, including a semi-elliptical counter. Part of the other furniture will include marble-topped iron tables and swivel chairs. The building has been erected at a cost of £1000, by Mr. John Jagger, under the direction of Mr. Spencer, of the Colonial Architect's department.

THE R.M.S. Alameda went for a trip down the harbour and a short distance outside the Heads yesterday afternoon. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were on board, who spent a most enjoyable afternoon, Kopff's band adding greatly to the pleasure of all present.

AT the meeting of the Senate of the University of Sydney, held on Monday, tenders for the erection of the Macleay Museum building were accepted. The amount of the tender for the building (that of Mr. Alexander Dean) was £12,345, while the tender for the ironwork (the Atlas Engineering Company) was £3429, making together £15,774. As the Parliamentary vote for the purpose is only £10,000, it was decided to apply to the Government at once for an amount equal to the additional expenditure required.

WE have been requested by the Chief Inspector of the State Children's Relief Department to state that generous donations of Christmas cards have been presented by the following firms for distribution among the boarded-out children and the inmates of the cottage homes at Parramatta, Picton, and Mittagong:—Messrs. Cowan and Co., Hoffnung and Co., Fuller and Co., Edwards, Dunlop, and Co., Myers and Solomon, Gibbs, Shallard, and Co., and Turner and Henderson. These gifts have been so liberal this year that the State Children's Relief Department has also been enabled to forward cards to each inmate of the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, Children's Hospital (Glebe), Benevolent Asylum, Shaftesbury Reformatory, Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Asylum, Biloela, and the Vernon.

AT St. Andrew's Cathedral the Christmas services will be as follows:—On Thursday, Christmas Eve, the shortened evening service, at 8 p.m., with a brief address by the Primate, and carol singing; on Christmas Day early celebration of the Holy Communion, at 8 a.m.; morning service and second celebration of Holy Communion (choral), at 11 a.m., at which the sermon will be preached by the Primate; evening service, with carol singing, at 7.30 p.m., at which the preacher will be the Rev. E. C. Beck, Minor Canon.

A LARGE gathering took place at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon, in connection with the presentation of prizes to children attending Public schools, for the knowledge they had shown they possessed of Scriptural subjects.

ON the 30th November last a banquet was given to Mr. Alderman Chapman at the Glebe, and as, on adjusting the accounts, it was found that there was a considerable credit surplus, the money was spent in purchasing a silver salver, which was, on Tuesday evening last, presented by the Mayor (Mr. T. J. Dunn), to Mrs. Chapman, as a souvenir in connection with the compliment paid to her husband. The presentation was gracefully acknowledged.

AS one of the practical results of the recent mission in Gladesville a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was formed in this parish on last Tuesday evening by the Rev. J. D. Langley. Forty members were enrolled—nearly all under the abstaining section—and a committee was formed of six ladies and six gentlemen. The incumbent of Christ Church is *ex officio* president of the association: Mr. G. E. Herring was elected vice-president, Mr. F. Little secretary, and Mr. J. Paterson treasurer. Mr. Langley congratulated the meeting on such a successful beginning of a good cause, and urged one and all to induce others to join the society.

ON Tuesday evening a meeting of residents of Botany was held at the Botany School of Arts, to form a Progress Association, whose principal duties would be to assist in providing more frequent travelling accommodation for the district, to regulate travelling charges, to arrange for the introduction of gas, to take steps for *improving* the sanitary arrangements, to secure Government grants for reserves, cemetery, &c.; and to see that the money is properly expended, to supervise the improvement of roads, and to attend to any other improvements that may be deemed necessary. The meeting was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience, Mr. W. Stevens, J.P., occupying the chair, whilst a number of influential residents occupied seats on the platform. The secretary, Mr. J. J. Macfadyen, having given a short history of the movement, and explained that the association was open to any residents, three resolutions embodying the wishes of the meeting were put and carried unanimously, the speakers being Messrs. J. A. Martin, J.P., Ardill, Joseph Pemberton, George Garton, Cox, and Lu'an. The following gentlemen were then elected members of the Progress Association for the ensuing six months:—President, Mr. W. Stevens, J.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. A. Martin, J.P., and G. Garton; secretary, Mr. J. J. Macfadyen; treasurer, Mr. J. Pemberton; committee of management, Messrs. Cox, Mologhan, Lyne, Pemberton, sen., Lulan, Passfield, sen., Best, C. Howe, sen., and Luft. The meeting then terminated.

A LARGELY-ATTENDED public meeting of residents was held yesterday evening at the Arncliffe Council-chambers, to urge upon the Government the necessity of adopting means to abate the nuisance arising from the mud flats on either side of Cook's River. Mr. Judd, M.L.A., occupied the chair. Several speakers addressed the meeting, pointing out that an intolerable and fever-breeding nuisance existed. Resolutions in accordance with the object of the meeting were unanimously passed, and a deputation was appointed for the purpose of presenting the same to the Government upon an early date.

AT a meeting of the members of St. Paul's Church of England, Lithgow, on Monday evening last, the erection of a new parsonage was discussed, and it was decided to call the trustees together at an early date, to consider the plans with a view to its immediate commencement, in order to take advantage of the present reasonable rates.

ON Monday last the children attending the Roman Catholic school, Botany, gave a successful entertainment in the schoolroom, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. This school is under the supervision of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, assisted by Miss Mulholland, and the manner in which the children acquitted themselves during the entertainment was most creditable to all concerned. The audience consisted principally of the parents and friends of the children, and a number of clergymen were also present.

SEVERAL officers and members of the Independent Order of Rechabites, including Bro. R. G. Ennever, head of the Order in New South Wales, visited Parramatta on Tuesday evening, in order to open a new tent. The lodge was duly instituted and opened, and the first election of officers resulted as follows:—C.R., Bro. R. A. Withers; D.R., Bro. T. Martin; S., Bro. R. J. Stapleton; T., Bro. T. Morgan; W.S., Bro. J. A. Packer; M.S., Bro. J. C. Elton; I., Bro. A. J. Bongers; T.G., Bro. W. Bewick.

AN interesting event took place in the office of the Water Police Court yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Charles Jennings, the Summons Court deposition clerk, was presented by his *confrères* with a set of cutlery and plated-ware, in view of his approaching marriage. The presentation was made by Mr. Smithers, the clerk of Petty Sessions, who complimented Mr. Jennings upon the fact that he enjoyed the esteem of his brother officers, who wished him every happiness in the future. The recipient acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and concluded by alluding to the good-fellowship which had always existed between the officials in the department, and thanking those present for their kindness towards him.

A PAPER of considerable interest in relation to the disestablishment question was recently read by Mr. W. H. Porter, at the Diocesan Conference, Londonderry, on the financial results of the operations of the Disendowed Church of Ireland. The *Spectator* quotes one passage, illustrating the sacrifices by which one or two bishops have secured to their successors an income considerably larger than any which they themselves have been able to enjoy:—"It was considered that a capital of £500,000 would be required to provide an income of £2500 for each archbishop, and £1500 a year for each bishop. The bishoprics of Derry and Cork have, however, been raised above £1500 a year. The future income of the bishop of this diocese will be £2000. How this has been provided will appear from the following quotation from the Representative Church Body's report of 1875:—'By the very liberal and judicious disposition of his annuity by the Bishop of Derry, a sufficient provision has been made to secure to his successor a permanent income of £2000 a year, and also to place to the credit of the general episcopal fund a sum of £5354 immediately on the avoidance of his bishopric.' . . . . . The grant of £5000 made by the representative body to each diocesan episcopal fund has in this diocese, by the foregoing provision, been set free, and is now used for the sustentation of poor parishes. Every other diocese in Ireland has appropriated it to the future requirements of the See."

THE supposed Russian spy, "Father Victor Kanovics," who was sent down to the Madras Penitentiary to undergo a term of imprisonment under a sentence passed upon upon him by the Deputy Magistrate of Cochin, submitted an appeal before Mr. Justice Hutchins and Mr. Justice Parker, on the Appellate Side of the High Court, against the sentence of the Deputy Magistrate. He submitted (says the *Times of India*) that he had been sentenced on no evidence whatever. Not A single witness had been confronted with him. He had first been charged with being a Russian spy, but that charge could not be sustained. Other charges were brought against him, one of which was that he was Olivier Pain, and even that could not be substantiated. This charge depended mainly on the resemblance he bore to Olivier Pain, as stated by Mr. Spangler, in Bombay, but Mr. Spangler was not brought down to Cochin to see for himself the person supposed to have been represented in the photo. The Cochin Court had sentenced him simply on newspaper reports and on certain telegrams which the Deputy Magistrate said were confidential. The appellant produced several documents showing that he was the person he represented himself to be, namely, Father Kanovics, a priest of the order of Reformed Barnabites. Their Lordships reversed the decision of the Deputy Magistrate and released Father Kanovics.

A FRENCH dentist, named Duchesne (says the *Pall Mall Gazette*) has got into serious trouble, owing to the death of a patient while under the influence of laughing gas. The French law, it would appear, demands, what in England is quite optional, the presence of a doctor when anæsthetics are applied. Duchesne made a false declaration to the effect that the doctor whom he called in when the patient failed to revive had been present from the commencement of the operation, and this circumstance now aggravates the case against him. Dr. Brouardel, in giving evidence, declared that laughing gas was no laughing matter, and could only be applied with safety under the advice of an experienced practitioner. This is no doubt true; but the question is whether the risk run in, say, one case in 500, is sufficient to justify an enactment which must make "painless dentistry" doubly or trebly tedious and costly to the remaining 499? Most English dentists insist for their own protection on calling in a doctor before applying anæsthetics; but it may fairly be argued that we are right in leaving contract free in the matter, and permitting patient and operator to incur the risk if they choose. In case of accident, the consequences to both parties are sufficiently unpleasant; and if the one chooses to venture his life, and the other his practice, we are not sure that public policy demands any positive restriction on their doing so.

IN an article on Burmah, the Clerical *Vaterland*, a journal published in Vienna, remarks:—"England, Russia and France, from their different standpoints, are all trying to secure ascendancy over China; but what will it profit the world if these nations succeed in scaring the 400,000,000 of Chinese out of their conservatism and bringing them under the influence of European ideas? China is learning to make use of her coal-fields, which are the largest on earth, and of her immense beds of iron. What if with her cheap labour she some day begins to enter into industrial competition with Europe? To us this possibility seems by no means remote. The day when, under European direction, a factory is set up in China to manufacture with Chinese coal iron goods, of which Europe and America have now a monopoly, will mark the beginning of a great change in the world, a change which we cannot consider with equanimity."

ANENT long and short bayonets, Oliver Wendell Holmes writes as follows:—"Our army sword is the short, stiff-pointed *gladius* of the Romans; and the American bowie-knife is the same tool, modified to meet the daily wants of civil society. I announce an axiom not to be found in Montesquieu or the journals of Congress:—'The race that shortens its weapons lengthens its boundaries.' Corollary: It was the Polish lance that left Poland at last with nothing of her own to bound—'Dropped from her nerveless grasp the shattered spear.' What business had Sarmatia to be fighting for liberty with a 15-foot pole between her and the breasts of her enemies? If she had clutched the old Roman and young American weapon, and come to close quarters, there might have been a chance for her."

MR. VERBEEK, who was deputed by the Netherlands Indian Government to report on the origin and character of the volcanic outbreak in the Sunda Straits in August, 1883, has published his report. He calculates that the amount of ejected matter from Krakatoa must have been at least 18 cubic kilometres. This would be enough to make a respectable range of hills about a thousand feet higher than the surrounding plain. The velocity of ejection was considerably greater than that of the heaviest rifled ordnance; and the ejected material must have reached a height of 30 miles, or six times the height of Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world. The noise of the explosions was heard over one-fourteenth of the earth's surface; and a great atmospheric wave, starting from Krakatoa, as its centre, spread itself round the world, describing the whole circumference in some 36 hours. The mass of floating pumice found after the outburst on the surface of the sea has been drifting in the direction of America, and the learned author times it to arrive off Panama early in 1886.

MR. GLADSTONE'S IRISH POLICY.

[BY CABLE.]
(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 23.

Mr. Gladstone has declared that he is prepared to support an adequate Government measure for the benefit of Ireland.

Mr. W. E. Forster opposes Mr. Gladstone's scheme for the establishment of an Irish Parliament.

THE EASTERN QUESTION

AN ARMISTICE ACCEPTED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, DEC. 23.

It is announced that the Servian and Bulgarian Governments have agreed to the conclusion of an armistice between the two countries, and have arranged for the appointment of peace delegates.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

TREATY OF PEACE CONCLUDED

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PARIS, DEC. 23

It is announced that a treaty of peace has been concluded between France and Madagascar, whereby the former acquires a protectorate over Madagascar, and obtains complete control over the foreign affairs of that country. The Malagasies also pay a war indemnity of £10,000,000.

THE CHOLERA.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

The latest reports from the quarantine station state that there are only four simple cases of diarrhœa under treatment; otherwise there is no change in the sanitary condition of the passengers.

NEWCASTLE, WEDNESDAY.

The steamer Duke of Argyll, from Brisbane, arrived off the Nobby's for wool this morning early. The pilot and the doctor put off, and found two cases of diarrhœa. The health officer ordered the steamer to proceed to Port Jackson.

THE LAMBTON MINERS' STRIKE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEWCASTLE, WEDNESDAY.

The Lambton miners are still on strike. It was resolved at at a late meeting of the Miners' Association to grant every miner having children 4s. for each child. Some days back the miners' delegates held a meeting, and passed a resolution that a deputation should wait upon the proprietor of the *Newcastle Herald and Miners' Advocate* to ask him to erase the latter half of the title of his newspaper. This motion has to be submitted to all the lodges. The Lambton miners have almost unanimously rejected it as an infringement upon other people's business.

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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE HIGH COMMISSIONERSHIP OF NEW GUINEA.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

The Hon. John Douglas has been appointed interim High Commissioner of New Guinea. During the Christmas holidays the parleying between Colonel Stanley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Agents-General, relative to New Guinea and Fiji affairs has been suspended.

SUPPOSED LOSS OF THE SHIP NOSSHEAD.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

Twenty guineas premium has been offered by the underwriters for the insurance of the ship Nosshead, which left Sydney for San Francisco on 30th August last, with 1550 tons Bulli coal.

THE LONDON CHARTERED BANK DIRECTORATE.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

Mr. Rome has been appointed a director of the London Chartered Bank.

THE GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

LONDON, DEC 23.

It is understood that Sir George Fergusson Bowen, G.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong, is about to retire from the colonial service. He returns to England shortly.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE SIR PETER SCRATCHLEY.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

The result of the conference between Colonel Stanley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Agents-General of the various Australian colonies, with reference to the appointment of a successor to the late Sir Peter Scratchley, has been referred to the Cabinet, who have chosen the Hon. John Douglas, Government Resident at Thursday Island, to be High Commissioner of New Guinea.

THE BRITISH EXPEDITION IN BURMAH.

CALCUTTA, DEC. 22.

The British expeditionary party have left Mandalay for Bhamotown, 40 miles west of the Chinese frontier.

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. G. B. Kerferd, the Attorney-General, will resign his position in the Ministry on Monday, and will be sworn in as a Supreme Court Judge on the same day. Mr. H. J. Wrixon will probably succeed Mr. Kerferd as Attorney-General. The vacancy in the County Court bench will be filled by Mr. Chomley, the Crown Prosecutor. This is understood to be caused by the retirement of Judge Trench, and it is also understood that Mr. C. A. Smyth, Crown Prosecutor, will be offered a similar position, as a second vacany is impending.

The additional wing to the Ormond College, built by Mr. F. Ormond, M.L.C., was opened to-day in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, by Mrs. Ormond, who has lately returned with her husband from Europe. In performing the ceremony Mrs. Ormond stated that her husband would be prepared to erect another wing when the necessities of the institution required it. Mr. and Mrs. Ormond were subsequently entertained at a *dejeuner*, at which were the representatives of the leading educational institutions and religious bodies, including the Bishop of Melbourne as Chancellor of the Melbourne University. Mrs. Ormond was presented with massive silver fruit dishes and candlesticks as a wedding present.

The foundation-stone of a new pile of buildings to be erected at the corner of Collins and William streets, for the Australian Widows' Fund Life Assurance Society, at a cost of £16,000, was laid to-day by Mr. Thompson Moore, the chairman of the board of directors.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

The labour schooner, Eliza and Mary, arrived at Townsville to-day. She brings the captain and crew of the schooner Clara, which was wrecked a month ago at the New Hebrides. She belonged to the Townsville Shipping Company, and was insured for £1500.

A boy named Murray was drowned at Warwick in the Condamine yesterday. The body has not yet been recovered. The boy's sister was with him at the time, and she narrowly escaped the same fate.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. E. C. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs in New South Wales, is a passenger by the R.M.S. Orient, which arrived from London to-day. He is in good health. Mr. Cracknell regards the reductions in the cable rates as a preliminary to further concessions. He has obtained much useful information in telegraphy and torpedo defence. All the delegates at the Berlin Conference, Mr. Cracknell states, agreed that it was desirable to have the cable duplicated, and he hopes that advantage will be taken of the offer of the Eastern and Extension Cable Company to construct another cable at their own cost.

The Governor has decided that Mr. Barrow, who was lately sentenced to six months' imprisonment for libelling Mr. Tomkinson, M.P., shall be released at the end of the year.

The difficulty between the operative bootmakers and their employers terminated definitely last night.

At a meeting of the subscribers to Dr. Charles Gosse's memorial fund, yesterday, it was announced that subscriptions, amounting to nearly £800 had been received in donations, some of them being forwarded from most remote parts of the colony, and from all classes of society.

At a meeting of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition Commission, it was stated that wine and wool were specially well represented by this colony, and it was announced that the Agent-General had been in communication with the Orient Company, who expressed their willingness to erect a cool chamber for each steamer on their line for the carriage of fresh fruit to supply the proposed colonial dining-room at the Exhibition. A sub-committee was authorised to make the necessary arrangements when definite replies would be received with regard to the intentions of the other colonies.

It was resolved at a meeting of the promoters of the Jubilee Exhibition that the permanent building should have a frontage of 220 feet to the north terrace by depth 195 feet. Two terraces will be formed at the rear of the building, with a retaining wall to each. This is necessary, owing to the site sloping towards the river. It was resolved that the architect in chief should call for tenders for the necessary excavations, and that Government should instruct the Engineer-in-Chief to construct a railway from the north terrace station to the exhibition grounds; and that further the architect in chief should be requested to prepare the plan of the grounds.

The amount of the land income tax received up to December 22, amounted to £130,320.

Arrived.—December 22, Catania, from Sydney. December 23, Tenterden (s.), from Sydney; R.M.S. Orient, from London; Franklin (s.), from Melbourne. Sailed.—Brunhilda, for Calcutta; Adelaide (s.), for Melbourne; December 23, R.M.S. Orient and South Australian (s.), for Melbourne.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, WEDNESDAY.

R.M.S. Opal has arrived here from Sydney, and will remain till Admiral Tryon arrives from New Zealand.

Mr. George Smith, Deputy Sheriff of Launceston, has been allowed to resign, after over 40 years' service, in consequence of irregularities in his accounts.

The Hon. A. Douglas, the Premier, has made a definite acceptance of the Agent-Generalship, but he has not yet decided with his colleagues as to the time of his departure for London.

Mr. George Reid, accountant to the Treasurer, has been appointed deputy auditor during the absence of Mr. William Lovett.

Messrs. Hodgeson and Dimond, the temperance delegates from England, left to-day for Melbourne en route for Sydney.

The weather here is bad, and there are prospects of a wet Christmas.

A Cabinet meeting will be held to-morrow to appoint the commissioners, boards, and officers agreed to by Parliament, including the Tasmanian members of the Federal Council.

LATER NEWS FROM CHINA.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

The steamer Timor arrived at Cooktown this morning—from Hongkong 2nd instant, Singapore 10th, and Port Darwin 18th. The passengers for Sydney are Messrs. Campbell, Fuller, J. Crawford, and E. Rich. For Melbourne: C. Errickson, J. M'Reddie, T. Faustmann, J. M'Intyre, and D. J. Lesser, and 33 Chinese for all ports. The cargo for Sydney consists of 190 and 1400 packages of tea; for Melbourne, 114 and 243 packages of tea; and for New Zealand, 100 tons. The steamer Tannadice was to leave Singapore the same day, via Java.

The correspondent of the *North China Daily News* reports the forcible breaking up by China of the Russian settlement of miners on the Chinese side of the Amoor River, as the Government of the Amoor provinces believed that the colony, which had of late been assuming formidable proportions, threatened to become a source of danger.

A report is current to the effect that cholera is rife in the native portion of Foochow.

The news from Corea is very disturbing. The conservative and progressive factions are very hostile to each other, and a dispute, out of which may arise a revolution, is considered to be not unlikely to happen.

The Chinese authorities are said to be much bewildered by the magnitude of the preparations that France is making relative to the new commercial treaty with Korea, and it is said that a memorial will be sent to the Emperor of China, requesting him to send an army to that country to protect it from invasion by its powerful neighbours (presumably Russia), though little importance is attached to the statement.

A *fracas* is said to have occurred at Peking, in which several foreigners of importance have been injured by the soldiers, but no details of the occurrence are to hand.

Si Ting Pao, the late Chinese Minister to Berlin, has been degraded and stripped of all his rank, and declared incapable of holding office any longer under the Government.

The steamer Glenfruin was raised in Hongkong on November 7, and placed in dock on the 8th.

Later news from Foochow states that a great many deaths have taken place at the Pagoda anchorage.

The steamer Glenfruin was arrested on November 10 at the suit of the Netherlands-India Company.

The owners of the Camorta claim 70,000 dollars for damages alleged to have been sustained by their vessel colliding with the Glenfruin.

The Macao Government have handed over three of the Chinese concerned in the Greyhound piracy to the Chinese Government.

Cholera has nearly died out at Najasaki, but Kobeosaki has been declared infected. Thirty cases of cholera of a fatal character have occurred at the gaol, Tokio.

It is reported that the troops in Tonquin, with the exception of a garrison for the towns which were shelled by the French, have received orders to embark for Madagascar without delay. The following statements of losses of life and property have been substantiated by the Catholic mission in Eastern Cochin China through the late outrages. There were murdered 9 French missionaries, 7 native priests, 60 catechists, 270 Annamites, and, it is thought, 24 converts. They also burned down 225 churches, 17 orphanages, 10 convents, four agricultural schools, two seminaries, one printing office, and one bishop's house.

Two cases of cholera occurred at Yokohama last month.

The Italian Government will despatch an envoy to Corea, to conclude a treaty of commerce.

The price of camphor rose to 26 dollars per picul, it is supposed on account of the cholera.

HAIPHONG, NOV. 8.

The pirates have proved a terrible trouble here for a long time past. Although General De Negrier, with the Second Division, is stationed here, he has been unable to prevent them from investing the town on all sides, and committing murders and robberies.

For some time past fighting of a heavy character has been going on in the interior, and the Commander-in-Chief has been engaged in making military preparations both here and at Hanoi for the despatch of an expedition on a large scale. A start will be made in a few days. Both the Commander-in-Chief and General Negrier are with their troops, directing operations. All yesterday and last night heavy cannonading was heard in the direction of Haidnong, and there is no doubt a severe engagement took place between the French troops and the so-called pirates. These pirates number over 10,000, all well armed and equipped.

LOST IN THE BUSH.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

GUNDAGAI, WEDNESDAY.

Yesterday afternoon an old man, aged 72 years, named Costello, who had been lost for seven days near Adjibilly, a mountainous country about 21 miles from Gundagai, was found by Mr. Crow, of Gobarralong, in a speechless and dying condition. After some spirits had been administered to him he regained consciousness, and hopes of his ultimate recovery are entertained. He was without food the whole of the time.

OVERLAND PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

ALBURY, WEDNESDAY.

The following have passed through:—

For Sydney (by express on Tuesday): A. Macnab, H. W. Bryant, R. T. Clarkson, Rev. Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gollin, Miss Eugie Gollin, H. Kolkkolk, J. Blackall, Mrs. Wynne, Jones, Hon. S. Charles, Oliver Myers, M. Jacobs, W. Branch, B. O. Thompson, J. Jacobs, R. Frayne, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Tenent, Dr. Dobson, M.L.C., Mrs. Dobson, H. Less, Merewether, J. C. Steel, R. H. Burke, Miss Fullerton, Miss M'Credie, Thos. Raddin, Gollin, Beeson, H. W. Chase, A. Hill, M.L.A., Lewis, A. Tallerman, Overberg, R. Bright, F. Harris, J. Cree, J. T. Bell, Miss Osborne, Hill, J. A. Gibbs, W. Nolmshaw.

For Melbourne (by express, on Wednesday): J. Walker, W. Winn, Henry Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. N. England, R. Skewett, Rogers, A. Bond, W. Mill, J. Brookes, S. Davis, Stewart, P. Klingender, Fisher, Nathan, W. E. Adcock, William Cain, Nicholson, G. H. Holland, Robert W. Bainford, Laws, C. Henderson, C. Oates, Mr. and Mrs. Girdwood and 2 children Mr. Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. Keele, Mr. and Mrs. Wilt, Messrs. Webb, Rennick, Styles, Miss Cowper, Misses Hayes, Hays, V. Rosenthall, A. M. Bowden, Miss Burton, G. Adams, Dennis, Miss L. Sibbald, R. Deas-Thomson, James Angus, sen., James Angus, jun., Miss Merina, Wate, Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen and 2 children, Miss Kisne, Campbell, Miss Burke, Miss Nixon, Miss Rankin, Mrs. Bassford, Mrs. Dunlop, Arthur Cowell J. Poynting, S. E. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Douglas and child, A. S. Blake, J. MacMahon, Miss Felham, Miss Smith, Miss Newman, Miss Grogan, Miss K. Cahill, Miss M. Cahill, Dr. Rooney, W. F. Piper, Martin, J. M'Caffery, R. Burkinfel, Blumenthall, Miss Robinson, M'Donald, Miss Flanagan, Mrs. Mullane, Rev. J. G. Turner, J. J. Pike, C. Crisp, W. Connon, J. Alison.

For Sydney (by ordinary train on Wednesday): J. Ward, W. Harvey, F. Linnett, P. Smith, J. Lucas, W. Johnson, W. Ray, C. Lynch, J. O'Hanlon, J. Marshall, A. Buncle, J. Roberts, C. Armstrong, J. Drysdale, W. L. Beazley, W. Dyer, C. Rutherford, C. Howlett, Dr. Ape, Mr. Weir, Mrs. H. Hirst and child, P. Perkins, A. G. Virgin, Rye, Lang, Ferguson, A. H. Collis, Armstrong, Johnston, Hawly, John Holden, F. Wood, N. Batchelor, Thos. Dent, T. Mann, H. Tipping, Miss Beech, G. Beech, Elias, Miss Brown, Mrs. Dowd, Miss Moore, J. Breen, G. Roberts, C. Rutherford.

For Melbourne (by ordinary train on Wednesday): J. F. Smith, Rakow, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Clarence and 2 children, Miss Maynard, Mrs. Sydney, Verge, Miss Munster, Lees, W. Maimford, M'Mahon, W. M'Intosh, Sydney, G. Pacey, Collins, Thorburn, T. Tompson, Miss Myers, Mrs. Thorn and 3 children, Mrs. W. Kean, Miss Kean, Mrs. William Clerick, Ferguson, Ross, Baker, Johnson, Fountain, Faull, Murphy, Legro, James Race, Robert Fishburn, Non King, Richards, A. B. Breal, Miss Miles, W. Booth, F. Hewitt, G. W. Brown, C. Marshall.

COUNTRY NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

ALBURY, WEDNESDAY.

The annual field trial of agricultural implements, under the auspices of the Albury Pastoral and Agricultural Society, was held to-day and attracted a good deal of interest. The various machines did excellent work. Messrs. Giersh and Co. took first prize for strippers, with Messrs. Wiesner and Co. second: Messrs. T. Robinson and Co. were awarded first prize for winnowers, and Mr. Sloman took second prize. Woods's reaper and binder had a walk over, being the only one competing.

ARMIDALE, WEDNESDAY.

A great influx of land buyers and speculators has set in here from Victoria, Adelaide, and different parts of New South Wales. They seem to be delighted with the New England soil and climate, and profess to be astonished at the cheap rates that land can now be purchased for hire. Many large farms and selections have changed hands lately, several of which have been re-sold already at large profits.

A railway guard named Street, in jumping off the train, this morning, slipped on the rails, and several carriages passed over both his thighs. Three doctors were speedily in attendance, but little hopes are entertained of his recovery. He has a young wife and two children.

BOURKE, WEDNESDAY.

Henry Green, who was shot by William Miles on Friday evening last, is now progressing favourably towards recovery.

BRAIDWOOD, WEDNESDAY.

The bazaar in aid of the Church of England Parsonage, held here yesterday, was a financial success.

C. N. Ambrose, late postmaster at Araluen, who was charged with embezzling £120 from the department, stands committed for trial to the next Quarter Sessions.

JERILDERIE, WEDNESDAY.

General satisfaction has been expressed here at the running of the daily train, which started last Monday.

Teams loaded with wheat are now coming into town. About 15 during the past two days have come from the Murray, nearly 70 miles away, as the heavy duty on grain prevents them from taking it across the border.

KEMPSEY, WEDNESDAY.

The local branch of the Commercial Bank has been removed to the new premises at the corner of Smith and Belgrave streets. The building is a great ornament to the town. The brick telegraph office opposite is fast approaching completion.

A meeting of Mr. Dangar's election committee was held last night, when it was resolved that the seat of Mr. R. B. Smith, for the Macleay electorate, should be challenged, and the sum of 100 guineas was subscribed in the room to prosecute a petition for the investigation of the circumstances in connection with the late election.

Mr. Louis Gabriel, jun., M.D., a native of the Macleay district, has just arrived from Scotland, where he has been successful in obtaining high medical degrees. He has been publicly welcomed on his return, and is to be banqueted to-night.

NARRABRI, WEDNESDAY.

The Narrabri Reserve Corps were inspected last night by Lieutenant Sparrow and Adjutant North, of the reserve force, and 51 men were passed into the ranks. The adjutant expressed himself as agreeably surprised at the progress made by the men, considering the short time since they had been enrolled. He commended the men on their steadiness and soldierlike appearance in the ranks. He also complimented Acting Staff-Sergeant Sheldon on the efficiency of the corps.

NEWCASTLE, WEDNESDAY.

The export of coal for the past week amounted to 29,963 tons.

At a meeting of the ladies' committee in connection with the Benevolent Society to-day, tenders were opened for the erection of additional buildings on a piece of land purchased by the society, and the tender of Mr. E. Matthews was accepted. Since the opening of the asylum 78 persons have been admitted, and 1200 have received out-door relief from the funds, which are entirely provided by general contributions of the public, without any aid whatever from the Government.

PORT MACQUARIE, WEDNESDAY.

The country looks delightfully green, and quite a change has taken place in the aspect of affairs since the rain.

WAGGA WAGGA, WEDNESDAY.

There was a large attendance at the concert and exhibition held to-day, in connection with the presentations at the Convent School. The Rev. P. Dunne, who was present, denounced the Education Act, and claimed for the Roman Catholics payment by results.

WEST MAITLAND, WEDNESDAY.

A man named Patrick Dooley, residing at Lambs Valley, was bitten on the forefinger of his right hand by a black snake yesterday. It was five hours before doctor Pierce's surgery was reached, when the man was in a very dangerous condition, but by skilful attention the doctor pronounced him out of danger after nine hours' treatment.

The *Goulburn Herald* of Tuesday says:—"We record with much regret the death of Mr. James M'Govern, who expired at his residence, Clinton-street, at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning last. Mr. M'Govern has been ailing for some time past, but few expected his end was so near. His illness originated from a severe cold contracted while on a visit to Sydney to witness the return of the New South Wales Contingent in June last. The cold settled on his kidneys and resulted in Bright's disease, which terminated fatally as above stated."

A series of extensive forgeries are reported in the *Cootamundra Liberal*. On Wednesday morning a middle-aged man, giving the name of Frank Morris, presented a cheque for a considerable amount to the host of the Royal Hotel, Cootamundra, in payment of his dinner, 1s. The landlord referred him to "Mr. Wallace," but the latter was not to be had. Failing to negotiate so large a cheque, the man presented a smaller one at C. Howell's, and bought a watch, getting change out of the cheque. Another cheque for £8 odd was presented to Mr. John Fergus, after the purchase of goods at that gentleman's shop. Mr. Fergus says he at first refused to cash the cheque, but made inquiries, and was told that Mr. Byrne was all right, being something between a squatter and selector of the district named. Morris then presented himself at Messrs. Barnes' store with an £18 cheque, having first, however, bought several pounds' worth of goods. Mr. E. P. Barnes regarded this cheque as genuine, but fortunately did not pay the balance at the time, telling the man to call again at 4 o'clock. This he failed to do, and suspicions were then aroused. Sergeant Parker was at once communicated with, and he soon ascertained by telegram that Mr. Byrne had drawn no such cheques. By this time the swindler had made himself scarce. Next morning the police had scent of him, having ascertained that he spent the night in high old fashion at Hallinane's Hotel, to which place he must have walked. He was picked up by the Temora coach, and arrested on arrival in Temora.

The *Queanbeyan Age* reports that on Wednesday afternoon last a heavy and most violent storm passed over the locality of Good Hope, about 12 miles from Yass, causing considerable damage to property, the heaviest sufferer being Mr. William Dawes. So furious was the storm that it thrashed out the wheat crop on his farm. The hailstorms were as large as pigeon eggs; and, besides drowning about 80 half-grown young turkeys and a great number of other poultry, it washed away his potato crops, divested garden trees of their fruit, and many of the houses of their roofs.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

The Great Western Silver-mining Company, Limited, Sunny Corner, Mitchell, December 19.—"The main level has been driven and timbered a further distance of 8 feet; total distance of level to date, 87 feet, the rock passed through this week being of dark-coloured slate, with nice-looking galena through it. The winze in No. 2 lode has been holed through to the main level at a depth of 40 feet, the amount of ore raised from this winze being 5 tons. In the rise on No. 2 lode a further distance of 8 feet has been driven on the course of the white carbonate ore, the amount of white ore raised this week being 1 ton; total amount of ore at grass being 139½ tons. The sinking of the straight winze has been stopped, the water being too strong for the windlass work; total depth of winze, 75 feet. Nothing of importance to report in bottom of winze.

Prince of Wales and Old Poverty Company, No Liability, Tarnagulla, December 21.—In the report dated 19th instant an error was inadvertently made. That portion of the report reading "The crosscut was cut in this drive at a distance of 60 feet from the chamber," should have read, "The crosscourse was cut," &c. On account of this favourable circumstance good progress may be expected in driving.

Hodgkinson Union Gold-mining Company, limited, December 22.—"Had rain, but cannot start crushing till after holidays. About 200 tons at grass. Mine looking well."

The hon. secretary of the Stock Exchange reports the receipt of the following telegram from the secretary of No. 1 North Phoenix Gold Company, Gympie:—"1124 tons quartz yielded 1776oz. of gold; dividend, 6s."

REMARKABLE DISAPPEARANCE.—Very remarkable disappearance of all dirt from everything by using Hudson's Extract of Soap. Reward—Purity, health, perfect satisfaction, by its regular daily use. For cloths, linen, knives, forks, dishes, saucepans, and all domestic washing.—[ADVT.]

THE RAINFALL IN THE COUNTRY.

The following information regarding the rainfall has been supplied by Mr. H. C. Russell, Government Astronomer:—"December 23—Albury, 0·13, drizzling; Balranald, 0·90, heavy thunderstorm, 7 a.m.; Bourke, 0·33, dull; Carcoar, 0·02, dull; Condobolin, 0·02, dull; Deniliquin, 0·50, raining; Eden, 0·07, dull; Euston, 0·65, dull, stormy; Grafton, 0·34, fine; Hay, 0·36, raining; Marsdens, 0·06, showery; Menindie, 0·09, fine; Murrumburrah, 0·01, cloudy; Queanbeyan, 0·06, fine; Wagga Wagga, 0·14, showery; Wentworth, 0·67, fine; Wilcannia, 0·86, cloudy; Mount Hope, 0·11, showery; Pooncarie, 0·09, fine."

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

ALBURY, WEDNESDAY.

Light rain has been falling at intervals since last night.

ARMIDALE, WEDNESDAY.

The weather is now fine. The recent ample rains have satisfied everyone. The country is looking like a barley field, and farmers are busily engaged harvesting wheat and hay.

BALRANALD, WEDNESDAY.

The total rainfall here up to this morning is 181 points, and the rain has not cleared off yet. Much heavier rain has fallen in the back country, ranging from 2 to over 4 inches.

BOURKE, WEDNESDAY.

The following is the weather report for this district:—Eungonia, 23 points, cloudy, and like more rain; Barringun, 34 points, showery; Tilpa, 44 points, and like more rain; Wilcannia, 85 points, cloudy; Walgett, fine; Mogil Mogil, cloudy, no rain, Mungindi, fine, river 3 feet, stationary; Thargomindah, total of 4.25 inches; Bourke, 16 points, still showery and close; the river is low.

BRAIDWOOD, WEDNESDAY.

A steady soaking rain has been falling here since 11 o'clock to-day, and it is expected to do much good to the grass and late crops. There are indications of a continuance of the downpour.

BREWARRINA, WEDNESDAY.

Very light rain has continued here at intervals since yesterday, and it is still drizzling. About 20 points have fallen. The wind is rising this morning, thus lessening the probability of a substantial downpour.

COBAR, WEDNESDAY.

The weather is still unsettled. 145 points of rain had fallen up to 9 o'clock this morning. The weather is cloudy, with a strong wind from the north.

GOULBURN, WEDNESDAY.

Nice showers of rain fell here this afternoon, and the weather is still cloudy.

GUNNEDAH, WEDNESDAY.

Partial storms have passed over this district during the past week, with sufficient rain to relieve the immediate requirements of the stock. A general heavy rain is needed yet. The pastures are improving in parts of the district. The Namoi River rose 4 feet during the week, but it is now falling. Several lots of stock intended for the summer country can now remain.

GUNDAGAI, WEDNESDAY.

Rain set in here yesterday afternoon, and it has been falling at intervals ever since, 92 points having been registered up to 7 o'clock this evening. There are indications of a further downpour.

HILLSTON, WEDNESDAY.

A change has taken place in the weather, and 47 points of rain have fallen since yesterday. It is still cloudy and showery.

JERILDERIE, WEDNESDAY.

Rain set in here at 5 o'clock this morning, and 122 points have been registered up to 7 p.m. There is every appearance of more. The young grass is now beginning to grow.

KEMPSEY, WEDNESDAY.

The rains of last week have done an immense amount of good in this district.

MENINDIE, WEDNESDAY.

Rain continued falling heavily throughout the district yesterday. The wind was blowing hard from the eastward, with showers of rain, going westward. The mails are all deluged. Barrier Creek is flooded. The weather cleared up to-day. The fall averages from 3 to 4 inches throughout the district. The wind is blowing a gale from the north-west.

TUMUT, WEDNESDAY.

The rain which set in here yesterday has been falling steadily since, and seems likely to continue. The visitation is very acceptable, though the numerous thundershowers of late have been accompanied with a little rain. The farmers, who were beginning to complain, are now jubilant.

WAGGA WAGGA, WEDNESDAY.

Rain commenced to fall here early this morning, and up to 8.45 p.m. 137 points were registered. The rain is still falling steadily.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—There are now two lines of steamers leaving Sydney for San Francisco, the one on the 29th instant, the other on the 31st. The first may be called the N. S. W. Direct Line, in 22 days; the other, which was dubbed by a Melbourne contemporary the Vogel-cum-Spreckil's line, but call it for distinction's sake the Honolulu Junction Line, via Auckland and Honolulu, in 25 days. Neither of these is under contract. The Honolulu Junction Line calls itself so, but it is not so.

The service to which the late Postmaster-General gave his provisional consent is bound to employ four steamers—two between San Francisco and Honolulu, and two between Honolulu, Auckland, and Sydney. But the service is now being performed by three steamers in place of four, and they run through from Sydney, via Auckland and Honolulu, to San Francisco without transhipment. The contract, therefore, to which the late Postmaster-General gave his provisional consent has not been entered on at all, and the steamers advertised as "Royal mail steamers" are not so, and have no right to any privilege or payment if the contract be adhered to. Yet it is said that the Australia was excluded from the Fitzroy Dock on the termination of her last voyage under the contract, and before the expiring of the term of contract, in order to keep the dock clear for the Honolulu Junction steamer, before she had arrived in port.

It may be said that the deviation from the Honolulu Junction service gives us a better means of communication, but the direct line gives us a better one still, and the deviation was certainly not made in the interests of New South Wales, nor, it is presumed, at the request of the Postmaster-General of New South Wales, but is avowedly a temporary measure having two objects in view:—

First, to hoodwink the people of New South Wales as to the inconvenience of the Junction service, involving transhipment of cargo and passengers at Honolulu, until the New South Wales Parliament ratifies the contract, and until, secondly, with the aid of the subsidy of £30,000 per annum, the Australia and Zealandia are driven off the line. When this is done, and New South Wales has no alternative, the Honolulu junction will then come into play, as per contract, whether New South Wales likes it or not. Under these circumstances, what is to be done with the outgoing mail? Obviously the best thing in the interests of New South Wales is to send them by the direct steamers.

Mr. Norton has taught the P. M. S. S. Company the lesson that the Postmaster-General of New South Wales may put the mails on board their steamer and pay a mere trifle for them—a power which it seems the United States Postmaster-General possessed; but on the representation of the R. M. S. S. Company, at the instance of New South Wales, the United States Congress, in June, 1884, repealed the law which conferred that power on the Postmaster-General of the United States, and so enabled him to contribute in aid of any new contract the Australian colonies might make, a contribution which New Zealand has asked and obtained, and which New South Wales might have for the asking.

The Postmaster-General of New South Wales may not put the mails on board the Honolulu Junction steamer unless he becomes a party to the clever move of those astute allies, and pays the subsidy for a contract he has not agreed to, lest New South Wales be again humiliated, as in December, 1884, when the Postmaster-General of New Zealand threatened to take the New South Wales mails out of the mail steamer as she passed Auckland. (See the New Zealand telegram of 3rd December, 1884.)

The perusal of the papers laid upon the table of the House at the instance of Mr. Burns suggests these remarks, for they show that because the P. M. S. S. Company, in strict terms of the contract, presumed to negotiate with New South Wales for a reduction in the subsidy—a right which New Zealand had never asked, in fact had distinctly disclaimed—the Postmaster-General of New Zealand tore up the contract as far as New South Wales was concerned—invoked a power altogether outside the contract—compelled New South Wales to pay him £7000 for the mails being carried in the boats of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and to hand over the share of contributions from the other colonies to which New South Wales was entitled under the contract, and to give notice to the other colonies that she had no longer any part in the contract, which notice New Zealand followed up by a like notice from herself to those colonies and to London, yet New Zealand did not pay the Pacific Mail Steamship Company 1s. for the services so rendered, and for which New South Wales was compelled to pay her.

Certainly the telegrams from the 13th October to 5th December, 1884, are not pleasant reading to anyone having the honour of New South Wales at heart, but the late Government were "cornered," and could not help themselves. They neither knew of the existence of the local Act which conferred such extraordinary powers upon the Postmaster-General of New Zealand, nor could they have imagined such an application of it on the part of a colony with whom they had always been in friendly relations, and with whom, as Mr. Norton says, there was at that moment no want of harmony.

The same thing may happen again unless New South Wales takes an independent course, or is prepared to submit to the like application of the New Zealand local Act when any difference in the construction of any point of the contract may arise at any time during the three years to which the new contract will bind her if approved of by Parliament.

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December 23.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

The following scratchings were posted to-day:—Steeplechase: Progress, Governor, and Mavourneen. Hurdles: Agitation. Summer Cup: St. John. All engagements: Irralee.

JERRY'S PLAINS RACES.

WEST MAITLAND, WEDNESDAY.

The following weights have been declared by Mr. Quinton for Jerry's Plains Races on Boxing Day:—

JERRY'S PLAINS HANDICAP.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
Wah	8	9	Garryowen	7	2
Black Star	7	6	Moses	7	0
Sunbeam	7	3	Confidence	6	12
Shamrock	7	3	Faugh-a-Ballagh	6	8

FLYING HANDICAP.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
Wah	8	12	Hector	7	4
Black Star	7	9	Moses	7	4
Sunbeam	7	6	Exit	7	2
Garryowen	7	5	Faugh-a-Ballagh	6	11

CRICKET.

RAILWAY INTERCOLONIAL MATCH.—The team selected to visit Melbourne for the third Intercolonial Match between the railway departments of the two colonies, left Sydney for Melbourne overland on Tuesday night. The match will be played at Williamstown on Monday and Tuesday next. Each colony has secured a victory on their own ground, and if that course is pursued, another victory would fall to Victoria; but as a strong team is sent from Sydney, that result will, we trust, be overthrown. The Commissioner for Victorian Railways has signified his intention to present trophies to the highest scorers. The Williamstown team have provided a capital programme for their visitors' enjoyment, in return for the manner in which they were entertained on their visit to Sydney at Easter.

INTERCOLONIAL JUNIOR CRICKET MATCH.—All the arrangements in connection with the above match, which commences on the Association Ground on Boxing Day, are now complete. The Victorians will arrive to-day, and will be met at the station by the committee of the J. C. A., and will be driven to their quarters at the Oxford Hotel, and will be welcomed there by a good number of junior cricketers at a quarter past 1 to-day. This afternoon both teams will practise on the Association Ground. To-morrow (Christmas) afternoon the visitors will be taken around the harbour in the steamer Mermaid, which will leave the floating jetty at 2.45 p.m. Play will commence at noon on Boxing Day and Monday, and there will only be one adjournment during each day's play, viz., between 1.30 and 2.15 for lunch; but on the third day, Tuesday, the game will be resumed at 1 p.m., without any adjournment. On Wednesday evening, the 30th, the Victorians will be tendered a complimentary banquet at Baumann's rooms, when the Hon. E. Barton will present the trophies that have been offered for this match to the successful winners. The hon. secretary wishes us to notify that all members of the Junior Cricket Association are cordially invited to both the reception of the Victorians at the Oxford Hotel this day, at 1.15, and to meet at the floating jetty, Circular Quay, on Christmas afternoon, at 2.30, for a trip round the harbour. The following players will represent New South Wales: Baxter, Donnan, Robinson, Laland, Searle, Decker, Spurway, Fraser, Sparkes, Adams, Varley, French 12th; umpire, R. Hillyard; scorer, F. Moore; and their colour will be light blue.

Our Port Macquarie correspondent telegraphs that the entries for the regatta to be held on Boxing Day closed last night. The sailing races were well filled, and also the All Comers' Sculling Race.

We learn by telegraph from our Armidale correspondent that good entries and large fields are anticipated for the Boxing Day races.

THE COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION.

(From the Daily News, November 6.)

Many interesting details were given last evening respecting the Colonial and Indian Exhibition which is next year to complete the series at South Kensington, of which the Fisheries was the first. The occasion was a banquet to Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, at the St. George's Club, Hanover-square. Sir Philip is secretary of the Royal Commission, and virtually manager of the Exhibition from which so much is expected.

According to the statements made by Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen and other speakers, it is considered that, besides being the last of the series, the Colonial and Indian Exhibition will prove to be the most important. It was in consequence of the greater importance of this exhibition that the Prince of Wales considered it desirable that application should be made for the appointment of a Royal Commission to organise it. Of this commission the Prince of Wales is the executive president; and he has, by the labours he has already bestowed upon the work, proved that he takes deep personal interest in its success. The whole of the space was allotted months ago.

The courts facing the main entrance to the Exhibition-road, known as the south galleries, have been allotted to India and Ceylon; Australia has received the block of buildings in the immediate centre of the exhibition, which has at the previous exhibitions been occupied by foreign nations; and, by erecting a new gallery between these courts and the central gallery, it has been found possible to accede, in a limited way, to the pressing requests for more space made by many of the Australian colonies. The central gallery, opening into the upper gardens, has been given to the dominion of Canada, which will also occupy the greater portion of the western gallery, hitherto devoted to machinery in motion. That portion of the western gallery not occupied by Canada has been allotted to New Zealand. The eastern gallery is divided among the West Indian colonies, British Guiana, and Hongkong. The latter will occupy the space hitherto known as the Chinese court. In the Queen's Gate annexe, at the west entrance of the exhibition, will be found the various African colonies, while the Mediterranean colonies are placed in the Eastern annexe. The east arcade and the quadrants have been allotted among various smaller applicants; and a large portion of the aquarium will—so far as may be possible—be devoted to a display of colonial and Indian fish. The whole of the exhibition buildings will be occupied by the allotments already made, and there are but few colonies which have not either received space or signified their inability to exhibit. Among these latter colonies it was stated with regret that Newfoundland and Tasmania will be unrepresented.

"Old London Street," which has been so popular at the two previous exhibitions, will be left standing. Opposite the entrance, and on the site of the Prince of Wales' pavilion—which is to be removed—is to be erected an Indian palace. The illumination of the buildings and gardens by electricity, which has hitherto been so marked a success, will be continued, and the musical arrangements and fountain displays will form a special and attractive feature. Due prominence will be given to the proper display of colonial wines, &c., and arrangements have been made for utilising the basement of the Royal Albert Hall, which, as hitherto, will form an integral part of the exhibition. Here it will be possible to give ample cellarage accommodation to the various wine-producing colonies. The public will be admitted to these rooms, which will be attractively decorated, and special regulations are being framed for the wines to be tasted by intending purchasers. Special bars will also be erected in the courts of the more important wine-producing colonies for a similar purpose, and equal prominence will be given to the display and tasting of colonial and Indian teas, coffees, cocoas, and tobaccos. The president has accepted an offer made by the National Training School for Cookery—which has done so much at previous exhibitions for the popularising of cheap well-cooked dinners—by means of which colonial and Indian produce will be served to visitors; and a market for the sale of this produce is also to be managed by the School of Cookery, under the superintendence of the Royal Commission.

Elaborate arrangements are necessary, and are in progress, with respect to India. Nearly the whole of the collections are being prepared in India, under the superintendence of the Revenue and Agricultural Department of the Government of India, with the assistance of influential committees in the various provinces. The total area of the Indian section will be not less than 65,000 square feet, and this space will be so allotted as to enable the visitor, whether a pleasure-seeker or a student, to obtain a thorough and comprehensive view of the physical aspect, natural productions, and arts and manufactures of our Indian Empire. There is to be a reproduction of a jungle scene, with life-like figures of the principal wild animals and showy game birds of India, which Mr. Rowland Ward is preparing for the Royal Commission. The southernmost gallery of the present exhibition buildings will be given up to an Imperial economic court, in which the natural mineral and vegetable wealth of India, as well as its principal productions and rougher manufactures, will be exhaustively illustrated. In the same gallery will be shown objects of ethnological interest—such as dressed figures of natives, models, and agricultural scenes. The principal portion of the Indian section will, however, be that known as the provincial courts, where a separate space will be allotted to each province. The courts will be appropriately entered through a magnificent marble transverse screen, the gift of H.H. the Maharajah of Jeypore, while several other native princes have most liberally come forward with contributions to ensure a proper representation of their several States. The more popular illustration of Indian arts and manufactures will be found in the court-yard of the great Durbar hall, which will take the place of the Prince of Wales' pavilion. As "Old London" represented European life in the feudal times, so will the palace courtyard, with its entrance protected by two massive bastions, and overlooked by the Durbar hall or audience chamber, equally represent feudal India at the present day. A life-like character will be attained from the fact of all the details of this illustration being real. The great entrance gateway from Gwalior is a present from his Highness the Maharajah of Scindia to the South Kensington Museum. The shops and the great hall are being constructed by native workmen from Punjab, who since midsummer have been working in the grounds of the exhibition in preparing and fitting the carvings. The shops will be peopled by native artificers and merchants, such as are found within the precincts of the great palaces and temples in India; and as the presence of several of the Indian princes and the native chiefs is expected, it is probable that on many occasions a magnificent spectacle of Oriental splendour will be realised.

COMMERCIAL.

PRODUCE MARKET.—WEDNESDAY.

A small supply of forage and a large quantity of wood were offered at Darling Harbour terminus this morning. The sales were fairly attended by the trade. For forage, yesterday's firmness was well maintained, especially for hay and buyers operated freely. Hay was dearer, whilst straw and chaff were unaltered. All descriptions of wood were dull of sale. On the wharfs a small supply was forward, principally of Northern and Southern rivers' consignments. Business was entirely confined to Christmas requirements. The various lines were unaltered in values. At Darling Harbour sales the following prices were realised:—

Wood.—Large market. Competition slack for all descriptions at per ton:—Billetwood, 9s to 12s; bundle, 10s to 14s 6d; food 12s to 14s 6d; bakers', 10s to 12s.

Hay.—Little larger supply than at yesterday's sale. Market was firm, especially for prime; other sorts were also fairly competed for. Oaten, new, in bundles, 5s 2d to 6s 9d per cwt., extra prime lots, 6s 11d to 7s 6d; lucerne, in truss, 3s 10d to 5s 2d; wheaten, in bundles, 5s 6d to 5s 9d; oaten and wheaten, in bundles, 5s 8d to 6s 4d.

Straw.—Only one truck of clean wheaten in bundles forward this morning, which realised 3s 3d per cwt.

Chaff.—Limited supply. Prices unaltered. Prime qualities sell with freedom. Other sorts are neglected. Oaten, in bags, 5s 9d per cwt.; straw, in bags, 3s 6d.

On the wharfs the following are the wholesale quotations:—

Maize.—Macleay River supply to hand this morning. Market remains quiet at 3s 9d to 3s 10d per bushel.

Oats.—Ample stocks, and business is quiet, save for a steady inquiry for bright samples of heavy feed, to 2s 5d per bushel; other sorts in limited request, from 2s 1d. Nothing doing in seed.

Barley.—No improvement under this head, Cape seed still being nominally worth to 3s 3d per bushel.

Bran.—A Tasmanian addition received yesterday. Market firm and active at 1s 4d per bushel.

Pollard.—Inquiry to 1s 3d per bushel.

Hay.—Arrivals from the Hunter River continue to come in steadily. Stocks on hand are sufficient for the requirements. Trade was quiet. Prime green lucerne, £4 5s to £4 10s per ton; brown, £3 15s to £4; other qualities, from £3.

Chaff.—Moderate stocks and rather quiet at £4 15s to £5 per ton for Victorian.

Onions.—No fresh shipments, but the late arrivals keep buyers' requirements amply met. Demand quiet at £7 per ton for Victorian; Hunter River descriptions at 7s to 7s 6d per cwt.

Potatoes.—A few odd lots from the Hunter River this morning. Market fairly stocked. Melbourne garden potatoes, £4 10s to £5 per ton; Clarence River descriptions, 5s to 5s 5s per cwt.; Hunter River, to 6s per cwt.

Butter.—Stocks replenished from the Southern ports this morning. Illawarra in keg in brisk inquiry at 1s 6d per lb.; intercolonial packed to 1s 3d.

Cheese.—542 from the Southern ports yesterday afternoon. Demand scarcely so active as of late. Colonial at 10d to 1s per lb.; New Zealand, 9½d to 11d.

Bacon.—Good supplies, and demand slack at 8½d per lb. for hand-cured Southern; machine-cured, 7d to 7½d; heavy and rough, from 6d; hams, 10d to 1s 1d.

Lard.—Excessively slow of sale at 5d per lb. for finely rendered, in bladders; in bulk, from 4d.

Honey.—Good and clear at 4½d per lb.; other sorts, from 3d.

Beeswax.—At 9d to 1s per lb., according to quality.

Eggs.—Small additions to stocks this morning. Brisk sales at 1s 6d per dozen.

Poultry.—Steady inquiry for all varieties save for fowls, which are dull, at per pair:—Fowls, 3s to 4s; ducks, 3s 9d to 4s 6d; geese, 5s 6d to 9s; cock-turkeys, 10s to 15s; hen-turkeys, 7s to 9s.

FISH MARKET.

A moderate supply of fish was received at the Woolloomooloo market for the week ending December 19th, including the following:—From the harbour, 67 baskets; Botany, 110; Broken Bay, 92; Tuggerah Lake, 90; Port Stephens, 57; Lake M'Quarie 203; total, 528 baskets. And also from Botany 4 dozen schnapper, Broken Bay 4 dozen, Long Reef 6 dozen, Harbour 125 dozen salmon, and 26 dozen of lobsters from Port Stephens. Fish under weight—1½ basket were sent to charitable institutions. 2½ baskets were condemned as unfit for food. The prices obtained ranged as follows:—Schnapper, 6s to 108s per dozen; squire, 4s to 9s per dozen; flathead, 2s 6d to 33s per dozen; whiting, 2s to 12s 6d per dozen; flounders, 3s 6d to 14s per dozen; soles, 3s to 8s per dozen; jewfish, 8s to 84s per dozen; salmon, 2s to 5s per dozen; mullet (sea), 6s to 9s 6d per dozen; long toms, 2s 6d to 4s 6d per dozen; rock cod, 3s to 6s per dozen; leather jacket, 1s to 1s 6d per dozen; eels, 6s to 18s per dozen; bream (red), 18s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); bream (black), 12s to 44s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); garfish, 12s to 30s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); blackfish, 8s to 28s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); silverbellies, 7s to 19s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); salmon trout, 9s to 19s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); mullet (sand), 7s to 25s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); travally, 18s to 15s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); perch (sea), 9s to 15s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); yellowtail, 9s to 15s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); tailers, 6s to 18s per basket (80 to 90 lb.); lobsters, 13s to 18s per dozen; crabs, 4s to 5s per dozen; prawns, 20s to 30s per bushel; oysters, 3s 6d to 25s per bag. Total amount realised at week's sales, £516 10s.

WOOL SALE.—WEDNESDAY.

By Mort and Company, limited, C—I over New England, 13 at 7½d; G over Rossi, 7 at 7d; [illegible] within diamond over Warigal, 6 at 7d, 7 at 6½d; HM over BC, 7 at 6½d; Ann's Vale, 6 at 6½d; AM, 5 lambs at 5d; AW over Woodend, 7 at 5d; AW within diamond over Mudgee, 9 at 7½d; C over S, 14 at 7½d; D, 7 at 7¾d; DA, 4 at 4¾d; WM over B, 11 at 5d; FJM over Yarrowick, 40 at 7½d; 8 lambs at 6½d; GM, 12 at 7½d; WM over X, 5 at 7½d; Geo. Barnes, 7 at 7½d; HGM, 30 at 7d; H. G. Wood, 8 at 5½d; HB&E, 39 at 7½d; HM, 7 at 6½d; H.H., 6 at 6½d; over Bolton, 6 at 5½d; JDS, 6 at 6d; JG over S, 8 at 7½d; M, 5 at 6d; JG over T over Foxcowl, 6 at 7½d; 8 crossbred at 7½d; JW over G, 18 at 6½d; JG over New England, 5 at 6d; J. Byrne over Fairholm, 8 at 6d; JSD, 9 at 6½d; W, 10 at 6d; JPY, 7 at 6½d; LD conjoined in diamond, 5 scoured pieces at 8½d; MB over Clive, 5 greasy at 6½d; OC over Urangaline, 6 at 7½d; O.L, 8 at 6½d; PP over K, 10 at 5d; PC over GN, 18 at 6½d; PY over Burnima, 6 at 6½d; PM in diamond, 20 at 6½d; PST, 14 at 5d; RH over P, 24 at 5½d; RH, 15 at 6½d; RN over over Barwang, 5 at 6½d; RC, 8 at 6½d; R. S. Carey over Yalcogrin, 25 at 4½d; SFM over New England, 15 at 5½d; S over x, 5 crossbred at 5½d; TK over Mudgee, 8 at 6½d; B over New England, 5 at 6d; TM, 5 at 5½d; VP conjoined, 5 at 5½d; WE over C, 15 at 5½d; WS, 6 at 4d; WC over Wheeo, 7 at 7d; XF, 6 at 5½d; —Y, 6 at 3½d; 6 over TB, 6 at 5½d; 5 over MB, 6 at 5½d; X over HR, 5 at 6d; O over Tea Tree Creek, 10 at 8½d; Rosebrook, 7 bellies at 2½d; 8 locks at 1½d; Tarengo over H, 10 at 6d; W. Meers, 9 at 6½d; A in triangle over Numby, 15 at 7½d; — over B, 16 at 7½d; C and FB, 40 at 8d; 8 bellies at 5½d; EK, 15 at 7½d; EB, 9 at 6½d; FS over Wheeo, 17 at 7½d; FR, 8 at 6½d; GWD, 11 at 6½d; HB over WAN, 13 at 5½d; JM over B, 6 at 5½d; JB over Mudgee, 14 at 7½d; JOC, 11 at 6½d; JJK, 9 at 6½d; JK, 25 at 6½d; JBB, 20 at 7d; JM over C over Bland, 8 at 5½d; JF, 17 at 5½d; M over M, 16 at 7d; MOB, 8 at 5½d; Mc, 5 at 6d; R. O'Brien, 14 at 6½d; RW, 6 at 6½d; JR conjoined over 2, 6 at 6½d; TM over Tooles Creek, 52 at 8d; VK over S, 12 at 6½d; W, 7 at 8d; TD conjoined in oblong over R. Geddes, 10 at 6½d; WP, 14 at 5d, 11 crossbred at 5½d; KC over Corcoran's Plains, 30 at 6½d; HB over R in diamond, 9 at 7½d; WC, 28 at 5d; CW over Mudgee, 6 at 6d; J over C, 6 at 6½d; LT over B, 11 at 6½d; PD, 9 at 6d; WK over M, 16 at 6d; CY over COtway, 14 at 7d, 10 lambs at 6d; CS over S, 5 at 6½d; CA in diamond, 5 at 6½d; IDB, 12 at 5d; J. Lettice over Bunnan, 18 at 6½d; J heart, 6 at 6d; JHY, 10 crossbred at 6½d; J sideways over WS over New England, 14 at 5½d; JW over Matong, 15 at 5½d; MT over diamond, 7 clothing at 7½d; 26 skirts at 4½d; 10 pieces at 1½d; ST, 7 at 6½d. Scoured: SMPCo in oblong, 38 at 10½d; 12 second at 7½d. Fleece: C, 8 at 10½d; IEF over New England, 5 at 9½d; JJ over —, 10 at 8½d; M over —, 7 at 10½d; R in circle, 8 at 9½d; SS, 5 at 10½d; TxRxM, 11 at 10½d; GH over New England, 11 at 10d; PH over 89, 15 at 10½d; JJ, 11 at 8½d; WM over Cargo, 30 at 10d; A in triangle over Numby, 7 at 11½d; ED over Pars, 5 at 10½d; FS over Wheeo, 17 at 10½d; FF reversed, 7 at 9½d; GIV over Adginbilly, 22 at 12d; HO over Z, 18 at 11d; JW over Bandagong, 11 at 11d; MBB, 53 at 9½d; MO over X, 4 coarse at 10d, 7 at 11d; JL, 27 at 9½d; KANU over —E, 14 at 9½d; T. Cheeney over Foster's Valley, 16 at 9½d.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK REPORT.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

Messrs. Ryan and Hammond report:—Fat Cattle: Over 200 entered, mostly Victorian of good and useful quality, with a few pens of prime. The demand was brisk, and last week's rates were fully maintained, best beef making fully 25s per 100lb. We sold 100 for different owners. Fat Sheep: 26,000 yarded. The demand was very brisk. Best merinos advanced 1s, and other sorts were also better. An early clearance was effected, best merinos, 62lb., making 11s. We sold 600 for different owners.

Messrs. Dal. Campbell and Co. report.—Fat Cattle: About 2000 penned to-day for the fortnight's supply. The demand was brisk, and prices advanced about 10s. Prime pens of bullocks made £11 10s to £12 15s; good, £9 10s to £10; prime pens of cows, £7 10s to £9. Fat Sheep: 26,000 yarded and the bulk being medium quality. Prime sorts advanced fully 1s per head. Prime merino wethers made 10s to 11s; good ditto, 8s 6d to 9s 6d.

Messrs. Powers, Rutherford, and Co. report:—Cattle: 2000 yarded. A large proportion were good and useful quality. The bidding was languid until the close of the sales, when the prices rose fully 10s, our sale being the best we have had for some weeks. We sold 300 head. Sheep: 26,000 yarded, the greater portion of which were little better than stores. Good wethers were in request, and sold readily at an advance of 1s on late rates, and all others also sold slightly better. We sold 4100 sheep and lambs through the yards.

ADELAIDE LIVE STOCK REPORT.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

Messrs. Elder's Wool and Produce Company, Limited, report.—Fat cattle: Over 900 yarded, the bulk of which were first-class quality; about half from the paddocks, and the balance from the far north and Queensland. Competition for the best sorts was fairly good at 18s to 20s per 100lb, but other sorts were dull. We quote:—Prime bullock, £8 to £9; good, £6 to £7. Fat sheep: 10,500 penned, half of which were medium to good, a few prime, and the balance stores. The supply of prime was unequal to the demand, but the other sorts dull. We quote:—Prime merino wethers, 9s to 9s 6d; good, 8s to 8s 6d; medium, 7s to 7s 6d.

LONDON PRODUCE SALES.

TALLOW.—Messrs. Anning and Cobb report that at auction on the 18th November 925 packages Australasian tallow were offered, and 755 packages sold. Good mutton brought late rates to 6d per cwt. decline. Beef was 3d per cwt. easier, whilst the low qualities, although very irregular, were in many instances considerably dearer. Mutton, fair to good, 25s 6d to 25s per cwt.; beef, fair to good, 22s 9d to 24s 3d per cwt.

Respecting preserved meats, the *European Mail* reports:—This market is generally quiet. For Australian meats, some inquiry for the Continent supports the market. All descriptions other than mutton are weak in tone. A noteworthy feature is the auction lately held by Mr. W. E. Aylwyn. This being at present an unusual method of disposing of importers' goods, some opposition was anticipated, and at the sale offers were very sparse, and the bulk was bought in at the reserve prices. Immediately after the sale, however, bids were made in all directions, with the result that out of 437 lots 380 changed hands at good prices. Further, we are informed that counterpart parcels of goods in catalogues have also found buyers. We understand that the next auction will be held early next year.

Probably the deepest well in the world is (*Iron* says) one at Homewood, Pennsylvania, owned by Mr. George Westinghouse, jnr. The average depth of the Homewood wells is about 1850 feet. In the well now drilling everything found of the nature of gas or water at a depth of 2000 feet was cased of as unimportant, and the drill at present is said to be a little over 5000 feet below the surface, which would make it the deepest well in the world. A careful record is being kept, and portions of each formation encountered preserved. Since it would necessarily have to be a very prolific gas-vein to justify such deep drilling, it is a difficult matter to conjecture the object that prompts such a work, unless it be purely to satisfy curiosity. There are in Washington county some wells drilled to a depth of 4000 feet, and the only others, so far as known, approaching the depth reached by Mr. Westinghouse is an artesian well in France, at which a depth of 5000 feet was reached.

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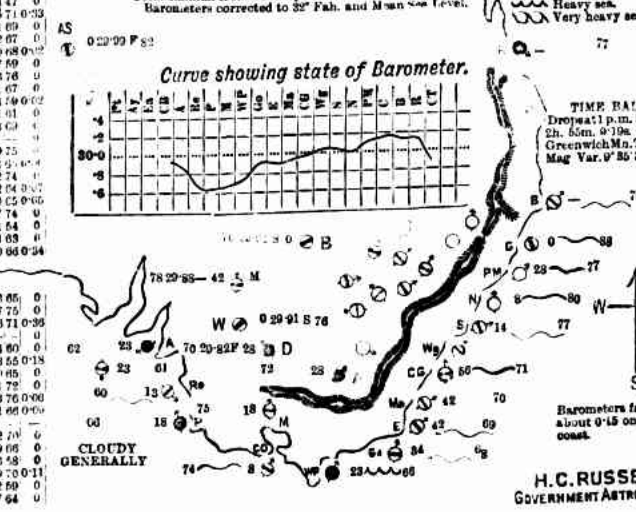
METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS AND MAP FOR DECEMBER 23, 1885.

Stations	W.T.	M'x	M'n	R'n
Albury	d	94	72	0·13
Armida'e	h	79	57	0
Balranald	c	78	68	0·09
Bathurst	g	85	65	0
Bend'm'r	h	82	68	0
Bodalla	g	84	47	0
Bourke	g	85	71	0·33
C'md'n H.	h	81	69	0
C. St. Geo.	o	82	67	0
Carcoar	u	80	68	0·02
Casino	b	87	69	0
Cassilis	g	86	76	0
Clarence	c	81	67	0
C'nd'b'llo	u	74	59	0·02
Cooma	o	91	61	0
Coonab'n	u	93	69	0
C'nam ble	c	—	—	0
Cowra	o	89	75	0
Deniliq'n	r	84	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dubbo	u	92	74	0
Eden	u	72	64	0·07
Euston	g	79	65	0·65
Forbes	g	87	74	0
Gl'n Inn's	b	81	54	0
Goulburn	g	84	63	0
Grafton	b	90	66	0·34
Gulgong	c	83	65	0
Gunned'h	o	97	75	0
Hay	r	86	71	0·36
Hill End	u	—	—	0
Inverell	b	84	60	0
Kiandra	g	73	55	0·18
Lismore	o	90	65	0
Maitland	h	91	72	0
Marsdens	p	83	76	0·06
Menindie	o	81	66	0·05
Molong	—	—	—	—
Moree	c	92	70	0
Moruya	o	79	66	0
Moss Vale	c	86	58	0
Mt. Hope	p	79	70	0·11
M. Vict'ria	c	82	59	0
Mudgee	u	87	64	0
M'rr'mb'h	o	86	72	0·01
M'rr'r'ndi	c	86	70	0
Mus'lbr'k	b	98	72	0
Narrabri	b	103	51	0
Newcastle	o	81	69	0
Nowra	o	80	64	0
Orange	g	84	64	0
Picton	g	85	66	0
P. M'q'rie	o	85	66	0
P.St'ph'ns	c	86	66	0
Q'nbeyan	c	83	68	0·06
Quirindi	c	85	66	0
Singleton	b	90	74	0
Sydney	c	74	69	0
Tamw'rth	c	91	67	0
Taralga	c	86	62	0
Taree	c	89	69	0
T'nt'rfield	o	82	56	0
Wagga	p	98	70	0·14
Walcha	c	81	55	0
Walgett	u	100	76	0
W'ntw'rth	o	78	62	0·67
Wilcannia	o	—	—	0·86
W'll'ng'ng	g	81	68	0
Young	u	87	69	0

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY.
LATITUDE 33° 51' 41" S.; LONGITUDE 10h. 4m. 50·81s. E.

Average Annual Rainfall for 26 years.............50·243
Average for 27 years from Jan. 1st to November 30 47·683
Total Rainfall from January 1st to December 23.. 38·665
Barometers corrected to 32° Fah. and Mean Sea Level.

Fine, wind N. Clo wind E. T. storm, wind S. Rain, wind W. If it is CALM, the symbol is used without the arrow. Smooth sea. Heavy sea. Very heavy sea.



NOTES EXPLANATORY OF MAP.

In the list of stations the column headed W.T. gives the state of the weather at 9 a.m., b standing for blue sky; c, detached clouds; d, drizzling rain; f, fog; g, gloomy; h, hazy; m, misty; n, frosty; o, overcast; p, passing showers; r, rain; s, snow; t, thunder; u, threatening. The next column, M'x gives the maximum temperature for previous 24 hours. M'n the corresponding minimum temperature; r'n, the rain for the previous 24 hours. The symbols used in the map are explained on the margin. At each coast station the wind symbol is placed like a vane pointing to the direction from which the wind is coming. A clear circle with it means fine weather; a circle with bar, cloudy weather, and a black spot, raining. Next to this symbol are placed figures denoting the number of miles the wind is moving per hour, next, a symbol showing the state of the sea, and, lastly, figures denoting the shade temperature at 9 a.m. The barometer curve shows the state of barometers round the coast from Perth to Cooktown.—Pt, Perth; Ay, Albany; Ea, Eucla; CB, Cape Borda; A, Adelaide; Re, Robe; P, Portland; M, Melbourne; W P, Wilson's Promontory; Go, Gabo; E, Eden; Ma, Moruya; C G, Jervis Bay; Wg, Wollongong; S, Sydney; N, Newcastle; P M, Port Macquarie; C, Clarence River; B, Brisbane; R, Rockhampton; Ct, Cooktown. Inland the state of barometer is given in figures at Albury, Deniliquin, Wentworth, Menindie, Bourke, and Alice Springs. The barometer curve enables one at a glance to trace the depressions, beginning with Western Australia, and passing along eastwards; northerly winds preceding them, and southerly following.

South Australia reports weather generally dull, raining inland to Port Augusta; prevailing winds S.W. to S. and fresh; moderate sea and steady barometers; heavy rains recorded, heaviest 1·74. Rainfall: Port Darwin, 0·51; Daly Waters, 0·09; Alice Springs, 0·90; Tennant's Creek, 0·36; Port Augusta, 0·07; Streaky Bay, 0·30; Cape Borda, 0·43; Adelaide, 0·34; Robe, 1·16; M'Donnell Bay, 0·52.

Victoria.—Generally cloudy, with light N. wind and falling barometer; moderate sea on coast. Rainfall: Melbourne, 0·41; Cape Otway, 0·34; Wilson's Promontory, 0·17; Lake Entrance, 0·34; Portland, 1·04.

Tasmania.—Light rain falling on N. coast; wind light from S.E. Rain: Low Heads, 0·28.

New Zealand.—Russell, Wellington, and Bluff, generally fine and clear, with light S. wind, and barometers generally standing at 30.10; wind fresh on S. and W. coast.

New South Wales.—Generally cloudy. Light rain still falling in places inland. Heaviest: Balranald, 0·06; Deniliquin, 0·50; Wilcannia, 0·86; Wentworth, 0·67; Euston, 0·65; Hay, 0·36; Temora, 0·16. Full details in list above in map. Smooth sea, light to fresh northerly winds and falling barometers on coast.

Queensland.—Generally cloudy, with S.E. and N.E. winds and moderate sea. Showery at Rockhampton (0·07). Rainfall at Cape Moreton, 0·17; Townsville, 0·03; and Cooktown, 1·10.

3 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Victoria.—Melbourne, N.N.E., 13, cloudy and gloomy and showery, temperature 72°; Cape Otway, W.N.W., 13, dense fog, sea moderate, temperature 65°; Portland, S.W., 28, cloudy and misty, sea smooth, temperature 64°; Wilson's Promontory, N.N.W., 23, squally, gloomy, sea rough, temperature 73°.

New South Wales.—Albury, S., drizzling rain, temperature 78°; Cape St. George, N., 42, fine, temperature 74°; Deniliquin, N.E., fine temperature 80°; Dubbo, W., 14, like rain, temperature 82°; Goulburn, N., dull, temperature 74°; Menindie, W., dusty, temperature 80°; Moruya, N.E., 18, cloudy and gloomy, moderate sea, temperature 67°; Newcastle, N.E., fine, smooth sea, temperature 72°; Port Macquarie, N.N.E., 42, fine, moderate sea, temperature 80°; Sydney, N.E., 16, cloudy, smooth sea, temperature 75°; Wentworth, W., 42, stormy, temperature 70°; Walgett, N.E., 14, cloudy and threatening, temperature 92°.

STATE OF RIVERS.

Murrumbidgee: At Wagga, 6 inches above summer level; at Hay, below summer level; at Balranald, 8 inches above summer level. Murray: At Albury, 11 inches above summer level; at Euston, 3 feet 4 inches above summer level. Darling: At Wentworth, 4 feet 5 inches above summer level; at Pooncarie, Menindie, Wilcannia, and Bourke, low.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 24.

Sun rises at 4.49, sets at 7.11; Moon, 9.24 p.m., sets 6.57 a.m.; Mercury, 4.10 a.m., 6.12 p.m.; Venus, 8.28 a.m., 10.4 p.m.; Mars, 11.29 p.m., 10.58 a.m.; Jupiter, 12.1 a.m., 12.11 p.m.; Saturn, 7.13 p.m., 5.7 a.m. New moon, 6th; full moon, 22nd.

High water at Fort Denison: 9.58 a.m. and 10.21 p.m.

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BALD PATCHES COVERED
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KILL THE INSECTS AND THEIR EGGS with Clayton and Co.'s Great American Insect Exterminator. It paralyses the first touch and then kills. If blown into their haunts (crevices), or where their eggs are laid, death is instantaneous for Beetles, Ants, Silver-fish, or any other insect. It is perfectly harmless to birds or animals, and may be placed under the wing of a pet canary and rubbed on dogs, cats, or monkeys, killing the parasites that infest them. If burnt in a room or in a camp it kills flies or mosquitoes. If placed on window sills you can see the large "blow-fly," as well the common fly, give up the ghost. If placed under the edges of carpets, silver-fish and all other insect vermin die. It is used in the mattresses and bedsteads of all the hotels and steamboats in the United States and this colony. Sold everywhere in tins 1s and 1s 3d, and in large boxes 1s 6d. In large cannons (to blow into crevices) 1s 6d each. Wholesale and retail, WASHINGTON H. SOUL and CO., 177, 268, 266, Pitt-street. Can be sent by steamboat or railway if not to be obtained of your druggist or storekeeper.

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URGENT AND IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE.
JAMES KIDMAN
WILL FORWARD ORDERS
DURING THIS DAY AND EVENING,
AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE,
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ANYWHERE
and
EVERYWHERE.

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MAIZE
OATS
BRAN
CHAFF
and
DAIRY PRODUCE.
MACKENZIE, MACKAY, and CO,
419, Sussex-street.

FLOUR.—M. BOYLSON and SONS have on SALE, in addition to their own Mill Flour—Harrison's, Duffield's, and Roach Brothers'; Adelaide patent roller-made, sacks and quarters; Hart's, Dunn's, and other brands; also, a choice selection of country Flour, all at lowest market rates.

EVERYBODY should use PEMELL'S FLOUR. It is made from the best wheat, in a mill replete with the latest improved NEW PROCESS MACHINERY. The price is very low, and the quality is guaranteed extra good.

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FLOUR, superfine, fine, household; Wheatmeal, Sharps, Pollard, Bran, Corn Flour, Corn Meal, Cow Meal; Corn, whole and cracked; Pig Feed, Poultry Wheat, all Mill Produce, good and cheap. National Flour Mills, Goulburn. J. and J. Wearne.

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It obtained the Gold Medal at the New Zealand Exhibition, and the Silver Medal at the Perth Exhibition.
It gives the finish to every dish, for gravies, soups, game, fish, or cold meats. It assists digestion, and increases the appetite. It has a place at Government House, and is seen at every respectable artisan's. The protectionists use it because it is colonial, the free-traders because it is cheap. It is the especial favourite with all classes because, as one of the Sydney clergyman wrote, "It is the best yet made." It is the
AUSTRALIAN RELISH,
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WASHINGTON H. SOUL and CO.,
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ASK for O. R. B. Galvanised IRON. The cheapest and best-made Brand.

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BRILLIANT CUT and Embossed Plate Panels
ORNAMENTAL GLASS, in great variety
PENNYCOOK'S Patent SASH BARS, requiring no putty.
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MARBLE MANTELPIECES, Tiled Grates, Hearth and Verandah Tiles, Kit. Ranges. Odling Bros., Queen's-pl.

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CEMENT, Anchor and Crown K.B.S. brands, deliverable. T. J. Stutchbury and Co., 250, Kent-street.

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TIMBER, TIMBER.—Best Northern Hardwood, all sizes, and cut to order; Pitch Pine, Oregon, Baltic, Kauri, Colonial Pine and Hardwood Floorings, Pine of all descriptions, Doors, Sashes, Mouldings, Architraves, and Skirtings, Galvanised Iron and Cement, all brands, at
J. J. LIVINGSTONE'S Petersham Sawmills,
and
Timber Yard, Charles-street, off Parramatta-road.

WANTED, Quotation for quantity of Cement, delivered, Randwick. Cement, Post-office, Randwick.

IRON Spiral STAIRCASE for SALE, cheap. D. H. Warby, Liverpool Arms, Pitt and King streets.

MANTELPIECES, &c.—General Workers in Marble, Slate, and Stone. Patten Bros., 302, Pitt-street.

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A R A R E C H A N C E
TO MAKE A FORTUNE RAPIDLY.
Those who were fortunate enough to buy land in the vicinity of Sydney a few years ago, when it could have been purchased at one-twentieth of its present value, are now independent men; there is another city which is making rapid progress, and in a short time will become a great rival in commercial importance, viz.:
PERTH
(the capital of Western Australia),
where there is already 500 miles of railways in course of construction, opening up the vast resources of the colony. Extensive Tramway and Harbour works about starting operations, large amounts voted for Emigration purposes; Revenue last year £400,000; Exports, £500,000.
THE INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT, LAND, AND BUILDING COMPANY, Limited,
have secured a Grand Property quite close to PERTH (just on the city boundary), which they have named
THE CITY VIEW ESTATE.
The Land is splendidly adapted for Building purposes, being elevated, suitable for growing all kinds of fruit, vegetables, and flowers, with a good supply of pure water; magnificent views of the city and Swan River.
This ground is being sold in blocks of 40 feet frontage, with good depths, at
SEVEN SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE
(7s 6d per foot),
will be worth as many pounds in a year so,
and on very easy terms, viz.:
£1 deposit on 1 lot, £5 on 2 lots, or £10 on 5 lots; balance 10s per lot per month.
NO INTEREST TO PAY.
REMEMBER, THIS IS NOT BUSH LAND,
but what WILL BE PART OF THE CITY shortly.
Call for Lithos. and secure your blocks before the holidays.
Offices closed on Friday and Saturday next.
THE INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT, LAND, AND BUILDING COMPANY, Limited,
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ALBURY VINEYARD, 6 acres, fenced; 3½ choice vines; house, 4 rooms, hall, &c.; cellar, 37 x 47 x 15, best in the district. For sale, cheap. Particulars, H. Chappell and Co., 748, George-street, Sydney.

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General Merchandise.

"D I N N A F O R G E T"
THAT TO-DAY
is
CHRISTMAS EVE!
"DINNA FORGET"
that TO-DAY
is the
EVE OF THE GREAT FEAST;
the day before
THE DAY OF DAYS.
"DINNA FORGET"
that this is
CHRISTMAS EVE,
the time, the day, and the hour
when all people remind all other people,
either in
SILVERY ACCENTS
or in
MANLY TONES,
that it is the EVE of
THE HAPPY, HAPPY CHRISTMASTIDE.

We are anxious folk, and our anxiety springs from no other cause than love of our species, and from a desire to see everyone thoroughly satisfied and pleased
on
CHRISTMAS EVE;
and with a view that way, we have been making special extra preparations for
THE GRANDEST
of all
GRAND SHOWS
on
CHRISTMAS EVE.
FOR THE CONVENIENCE
of our
FRIENDS
and the
PUBLIC,
THE PALACE EMPORIUM,
HAYMARKET,
will be open
DURING THIS EVENING,
so that there will be ample opportunity
FOR EVERY CLASS OF BUYERS,
and time enough
FOR ALL.

CHRISTMAS EVE!! CHRISTMAS EVE!!
CHRISTMAS EVE!! CHRISTMAS EVE!!
CHRISTMAS EVE!!

Such a Grand Show of
EVERYTHING
at
OUR PALACE OF DELIGHTS.

Such corruscations of light, such harmonious and joyous sounds, such
BLENDING OF THE BEAUTIFUL
at
THE PALACE EMPORIUM, HAYMARKET.

Special
OPENINGS
of Special
PARCELS
of Special
TOYS
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE,
in addition to the Magnificent Show which has, during the past month or so,
DAZZLED AND DELIGHTED EVERYONE.

SPECIAL ARRIVALS OF DOLLS
which supplement in a most glorious fashion the already splendidly attractive assemblage of
BEAUTIES IN WAX,
and on this day, CHRISTMAS EVE, the DOLLS will hold a
SPECIAL LEVEE
to celebrate the season, and to properly inaugurate
CHRISTMAS DAY.

FASHION
in all corners,
ELEGANCE
in the middle,
GRACE
on all sides, and
WAX ALL ROUND.

Such LOVELY Dolls. Such CHARMING Effigies.
Such wonderful examples of WORKINGS IN WAX,
Such beautiful Creatures,
and all so
EXCRUCIATINGLY CHEAP.

CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE!
CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE!
CHRISTMAS EVE!

Such preparations for the feast, such good honest GOBLETS for LONG-BEER drinkers, such delicately cut and beautifully engraved GLASSES for WINE-SIPPERS, such exquisite and such crystal-like Glass for CHAMPAGNE-LOVERS and for imbibers of the JUICE OF THE GRAPE generally. Such a show of CUSTARD GLASSES and CAKE PLATES and DESSERT Services and JAM Dishes and MARMALADE Jars and JELLY Moulds and TRIFLE Dishes and all things suitable and necessary for the due performance of
CHRISTMAS RITES and CEREMONIES,
from a Salt Cellar to a
SILVER EPERGNE,
and each one and all of them so
UNACCOUNTABLY CHEAP.

CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE!
CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE!
CHRISTMAS EVE!

Such an Array, such LEGIONS, such Hosts, such Wonderful Collections,
of
EVERYTHING that can possibly be turned to account in the way of
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

SHALL WE GIVE YOU A LIST?
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR.

YOU CAN'T CONCEIVE HOW LONG IT WOULD BE,
EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE,
to compile it in anything like a
CLASSIFIED FORM.

THE GOODS ARE BEFORE YOU,
set out in
GLORIOUS PROFUSION,
and, perhaps,
BEWILDERING VARIETY.

CHOOSE FOR YOURSELVES.

THERE IS NO END TO THEM,
the
SUPPLY WILL NOT GIVE IN, IF YOU CHOOSE
from
"EARLY MORN TILL DEWY EVE."

If
your FRIENDS, your RELATIVES, or your SWEETHEARTS
are as numerous as the
SANDS OF THE SEASHORE,
and
IF YOU HAVE MADE UP YOUR MIND
to
GIVE ALL OF THEM A TASTE OF YOUR GENEROSITY,
you
MAY CHOOSE and CHOOSE.

You may be sure of
PLEASING THEM ALL,
be their tastes as different as chalk from cheese,
or
be their fancies as curious as the
VAGARIES OF THE TOWN HALL CLOCK,
or
AS EXPANSION OF THE OCEAN ITSELF,
there is
ENOUGH AND TO SPARE.

CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE!
CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE!
CHRISTMAS EVE!

HOW ABOUT THOSE ARTISTIC PIECES of PASTEBOARD!
CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Have you your full complement? We fear that some of our
LADY FRIENDS
have been obliged to somewhat
CURTAIL THEIR PURCHASES
of the better class of
CHRISTMAS CARDS,
but it has been unavoidable, the demand has been so
STRANGELY GREAT
that our keenest wits have not enabled us to keep pace with the strain. But for
CHRISTMAS EVE
this has been set right, and we advise the receipt of
SIX CARTLOADS of CHRISTMAS CARDS
SIX CARTLOADS of CHRISTMAS CARDS
of the most exquisite and touchingly beautiful
ART PRODUCTIONS
that the South has seen this season. We hope all our friends will come and see these real beauties, which are in
RICH PLUSH, elegant SATIN, delicate IVORINE,
and the
PRETTIEST ENAMEL WORK
From SIXPENCE to TWO SHILLINGS EACH
From SIXPENCE to TWO SHILLINGS EACH

CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE!
CHRISTMAS EVE! CHRISTMAS EVE!
CHRISTMAS EVE!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE SHOW
at
THE PALACE EMPORIUM, HAYMARKET.

EVERYTHING. EVERYTHING. EVERYTHING.

THE WAYS AND MEANS
of
THE PALACE EMPORIUM, HAYMARKET,
are truly and marvellously wonderful.

TOMMY'S SIXPENCE, MARY'S SHILLINGS,
MADAM'S NOTES and GOLD,
or the
RICH MAN'S CHEQUE
will find equal and ample scope for employment there.

ONE is as welcome as the OTHER, and the OTHER will be as pleased as the ONE.

The children will find their SILVER EARNINGS well invested, MADAM will be delighted at the wonderful value and effect she will get for her money, and the RICH MAN will inwardly chuckle that his cheque has PRODUCED SO MUCH.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.
THE PALACE EMPORIUM
will remain
CLOSED
on
FRIDAY the 25th,
and
SATURDAY, the 26th instant,
also on
FRIDAY, the 1st of JANUARY, 1886.

Our Establishment remains closed on
RECOGNISED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
only, and we give our Assistants a fortnight's holiday each year in February and March, which they appreciate more than odd days now and then.

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ANTHONY HORDERN and SONS,
PALACE EMPORIUM,
HAYMARKET
ONLY,
close to the Railway Station.

LIMEJUICE.—Pure ISLAND, in Bulk, Bottle, and Jar. H. S. BIRD and CO., Macquarie-place.

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TO ENSURE PERFECT SATISFACTION we only import the best class of
MANGLES and WRINGERS—THE ATLAS and PHŒNIX.
Prices now reduced to meet competition of low-class, though well-painted, mangles. Accurate inspection invited.
Price List free per post.
HEBBLEWHITE and CO., 416, George-street, Sydney.

THE AMERICAN DOVER STOVE, one of the very best, price £3 10s. Send for the price list of all our household requisites.
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PORTABLE Washing BOILERS, with the new seamless copper which cannot leak. Hebblewhite, 416, Geo.-st.

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PROTECTION of the right kind by looking out for your own interests in obtaining a Winter Supply of Summer FRUITS, in the Patent Fruit-preserving Bottles, with air-tight tops. Anyone can use them. In Pints, Quarts, and ½-gallons. Send for Price Lists and full directions.
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416, George-street,
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BABIES' Sleeping Carriages, Boys' Waggons and Carts, Repairing done. Perambulatory Factory, Parramatta-street.

INVALIDS' Wheel Chairs, self-propelling and reclining. Sale or Hire. Perambulator Factory, Parramatta-st., Glebe.

BOYS' and Girls' TRICYCLES, new and improved patterns, cheap. Perambulator Factory, 43, Parramatta-st.

TANKS.—200 and 400 gallons ships' Iron Water TANKS, cheap. W. ROBISON, 87, Sussex-street.

TANKS.—Best London make, on SALE. J. T. and J. Toohey, Standard Brewery, Elizabeth-street.

C O O K I N G S T O V E S.
The Younger Cooking Stove is the best and strongest ever used in the colony. We are daily receiving testimonials from all parts informing us that they are the best and cheapest Stoves they ever used. They are suitable for either wood or coal, and require no setting. We have all sizes in stock, from 24 to 54 inches long; the latter size will cook for 100 people. Duplicate parts on hand. Send for reduced price-lists and testimonials.
GEORGE FLETCHER and SON,
Ironfounders and Ironmongers,
Oxford-street, Sydney.

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Wanted to PURCHASE, in any quantity,
during January.
BENNETT, LITTLE, and CO.,
97, Sussex-street.

LOOK OUT FOR CARRINGTON HEIGHTS.
MANLY, LOVELY MANLY.
HUNTLEY and BARNARD,
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For SALE, WHOLESALE GENERAL BUSINESS, including Commission Agencies; net profits about £1500 per annum; capital required, about £4000, but terms may be arranged for part of purchase. Owner must retire through failing health.
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TO PLUMBERS, &c.—For SALE in a rising town on railway line, an old-established BUSINESS, embracing all branches of plumbing, gasfitting, tinworking, galvanized-ironworking, &c.
Complete plant, and all in full working order. For particulars, apply
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Wm. Wallace	Royal Arcade
S. J. Walsh	154, King-street
F. Barker	85, Sussex-street
C. Bowtell	166, Devonshire-street
G. Wallace	William-street
J. Crofts	95, William-street
C. Fleming	Post office, Harris-street, Pyrmont
J. E. Spragg	Oxford-street
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George Hill	794, George-street
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Bookstall Company	Railway and all suburban stations
H. W. Foster	144, William-street
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A. J. Ashdown	127, Bathurst-street
W. Calnan	537, Harris-street, Ultimo
Mrs. Wilson	Goulburn-street
W. J. Mantle	131, Quarry-street, Ultimo
Guttridge	662, George-street, Brickfield-hill
G. H. Sparkes	129, Glebe Point-road
G. Olds	Parramatta-st., near Newtown-road
Mr. Wilson	387, Sussex-street
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Bathurst	W. J. Maish
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Bourke	R. S. M'Cauley
Bourke	D. Gray
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Glen Innes	Marshall and Vincent
Gulgong	S. T. Bishop
Grafton	Messrs. Dean and Co., G. E. Sye
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Hartley	Maurice Lynch
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Jerringong	S. Hobbs and Co.
Jamberoo	S. Hobbs and Co.
Junee	Miss King, Bookstall (Railway Station)
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Kangaroo Valley	S. Matthews
Kempsey	Otho Dangar
Kiama	S. Hobbs and Co.
Katoomba	Mullany and Co.
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Sofala	J. Fulton
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Wellington	P. L. Bernasconi and R. A. Stace
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W. Rowley	Newtown
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— Ashley	Waverley
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W. Slocombe	Canterbury
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D. Alderton	Burwood
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A. Allen	Druitt Town, Enfield, and Homebush
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P. Vickery	Macdonaldtown
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WANTED, everyone to know that Steamers and Trams run from King-street to Rose hill hourly on 26th.

Religious Announcements.

CHRIST CHURCH, LAVENDER BAY.—8 a.m., Celebration. 11 a.m.: Morning Prayer, Sermon, Celebration (Flower Service). Service: Jackson. Anthem: "Awake, awake, put on thy strength." ALFRED YARNOLD.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—Special MEETINGS of the BLUE RIBBON GOSPEL ARMY in the Temerance Hall, Pitt-street, 7 and 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. All are cordially invited.

CHRIST CHURCH, ENMORE.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
MATINS at 11 o'clock. FULL CHORAL.
Te Deum, Stainer, B Flat.
Jubilate, M'Lean.
1st Anthem—"Behold I Bring you Good Tidings."—Goss.
2nd Anthem, contralto solo—"O Thou that Tellest."—Handel.
Chorus—"Arise, Shine for Thy Light is Come."—Fivey.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LAURENCE, SYDNEY.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES.
CHRISTMAS EVE, Thursday, 24th December.
Festal Evensong and Carols, 7.30 p.m.

Feast of the Nativity of O. B. L.
CHRISTMAS DAY,
FRIDAY, 25th December.
1st Celebration Holy Eucharist, 6 a.m.
2nd Celebration, 7.30 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 10.30 a.m.
Choral Celebration of Holy Eucharist, 11.45 a.m.
Music—Schubert in G.
Festal Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m.
Magnificat / Nunc Dimittis } Tours in F.
Anthem, "For unto us a child is born" (Handel).
Christmas Carols will be sung after service.

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, M.,
SATURDAY, 26th December.
Celebration of Holy Eucharist, 7.30 a.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.
THIS DAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE.
The 4.30 p.m. Service will be omitted on this day.
CAROL SERVICE at 8 p.m.
Preacher: The Most Rev. the PRIMATE.
The following Carols will be sung:—
THE MANGER THRONE.
THE SHEPHERD'S SONG.
EMMANUEL.
NAZARETH.
CHRISTMAS NIGHT.
CHRISTMAS HYMN: NOWELL.

FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY.
EARLY CELEBRATION at 8 a.m.
MATINS and SECOND CELEBRATION (Choral), 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Most Rev. The PRIMATE.
CHORAL EVENSONG and CAROLS at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26,
being the Festival of St. Stephen, there will be a Celebration of the HOLY COMMUNION at 8 a.m.
CHORAL EVENSONG and SERVICE at 7.30 p.m.

ST. CLEMENT'S, MARRICKVILLE.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. Jackson service.
Anthem by Goss. "Behold, I bring you good tidings."

ST. MARK'S, DARLING POINT.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
11 a.m.—Matins, Sermon, and Choral Celebration.
Preacher—Rev. E. Wootton.
N.B.—The offertory at both these services will be devoted to the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund.
7.30 p.m.—EVENSONG and CAROLS.
SATURDAY, the Feast of St. Stephen,
7.30 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Eucharist
9 a.m.—Matins.

THE CLERGY WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND FOR THE DIOCESE OF SYDNEY.
CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th instant.
SERMONS will be Preached and COLLECTIONS made in the following Churches on behalf of the Fund:—
ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.
Preachers:
Morning, at 11, the Most Rev. the LORD BISHOP, Primate.
Evening, at 7, the Rev. E. C. BECK.
ALL SAINTS', WOOLLAHRA.
Morning, the Rev. G. NORTH ASH, M.A.
Evening, the Rev. H. GLASSON, B.A.
ST. JOHN'S, PARRAMATTA.
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Morning and Evening, the Rev. P. R. S. BAILEY.
ST. JOHN'S, BALMAIN.
Morning, the Rev. EDWIN J. STURDEE.
ST. JUDE'S, RANDWICK.
Morning and Evening, the Rev. WILLIAM HOUGH.
ST. THOMAS', ENFIELD.
Morning, the Rev. SEPTIMUS HUNGERFORD.
ST. ANDREW'S, SUMMER HILL.
Holy Communion, 7.45, the Rev. JOHN VAUGHAN.
Morning, 11, the Rev. JOHN VAUGHAN.
ST. PETER'S, COOK'S RIVER.
Morning, 11, the Rev. T. N. MANNING.
WILLIAM BLAIR,
Secretary for the Trustees.

NEWTOWN WESLEYAN CHURCH.
CHRISTMAS MORNING, December 25.
Rev. G. LANE will preach at 11 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
Divine SERVICE will be conducted in the Bourke-street, William-street, and Cleveland-street Churches at 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S PRAYER UNION.
Established by Mrs. Hampson.
A CHRISTIAN CONVENTION in connection with the above will (D.V.) be held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, THURSDAY, January 7, 1886. Afternoon Session to commence at 3; Evening Session, 7.30.
Christians of all denominations cordially welcomed. All ladies who received good at Mrs. Hampson's Mission specially invited.
Usual MEETING, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.
E. J. WARD, Hon. Sec.

Y.M.C.A.—CHRISTMAS NIGHT.
SPECIAL SERVICE for YOUNG MEN in the Association Large Hall To-morrow (Christmas) night, December 25, at 7.30.
An Address will be given by Rev. J. D. Langley.
All seats free. Stranger young men specially invited.
DAVID WALKER, Gen. Sec.

Municipal Elections.

LEICHHARDT, WEST WARD.—Vote for Henry Priestly, Dairy Produce Stores, Tavner's Hill, Parramatta-rd.

LEICHHARDT (East Ward).—Electors.—W. H. SADLER, Builder, View-street, is a Candidate.

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.
The following Gentlemen have been NOMINATED for the office of Alderman for the O'Connell Ward, in the room of Mr. Charles Boots, resigned, viz.:—
CHARLES JAMES LANE, Painter, King-street, nominated by G. Hillard, tobacconist, King-street; F. H. Thompson, cabinetmaker, King-street, and fourteen others.
And
WILLIAM GREEN HIBBLE, Decorator, Watkin-street, nominated by William Jeffreys, upholsterer, King-street; Charles Hill, bootmaker, Bucknell-street, and fourteen others.
A POLL will take place for the Election of one of the above Candidates at the Town Hall, Newtown, on TUESDAY, 29th instant, commencing at 8 a.m., and closing at 3 p.m.
J. F. SMITH,
Mayor and Returning Officer.
Town Hall, Newtown, 23rd December, 1885.

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN.
ELECTION OF ALDERMAN, O'CONNELL WARD.
ELECTORS are herewith notified that those whose RATES are unpaid will not be entitled to vote at the above election.
By order.
JESSE COWLEY,
Council Clerk.

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN.
NOTICE is hereby given, that a Public MEETING of the Electors of the Enmore Ward will be holden at 12 o'clock noon, at the Town Hall, Newtown, on THURSDAY, 7th January, 1886, for the purpose of Nominating and Electing an Alderman in the room of Mr. F. J. Gibbes, M.L.A., resigned.
Nominations must be in writing, and sent to the Returning Officer seven days at least before the said day of nomination.
J. F. SMITH,
Mayor and Returning Officer.
Town Hall, Newtown, 23rd December, 1885.

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN.
EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.
ENMORE WARD.
Electors will not be allowed to vote unless their rates are all paid up to 1st February, 1886.
By order,
JESSE COWLEY,
Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Newtown, 23rd December, 1885.

Municipal Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF PADDINGTON.
Notice is hereby given that PLANS showing the proposed permanent levels of the undermentioned public ways are now lying at the Council-chambers for public inspection during office hours, and will so remain for 14 days from this date, in order that any reasonable objection thereto may be taken into consideration prior to such levels being finally adopted by the Council.
Leinster-street, from Regent-street to Gordon-street.
Lanes in the Duxford Estate.
GEO. E. BLACKMORE,
Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, 18th December, 1885.

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Stock, Shares, and Money.

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Reserve Fund 25,000
HEAD OFFICE—163, PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.
Directors:
HENRY GORMAN, Esq., J.P., Chairman
F. A. WRIGHT, M.P., J.P., Vice-Chairman
BENJAMIN JAMES, Esq.
C. C. SKARRATT, Esq., J.P.
J. H. NEWMAN, Esq., J.P.
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BANKERS:
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OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY:
To receive money on deposit
To invest in freehold and leasehold property
To make advances on freehold and leasehold securities.
Money received on deposit to any amount.
RATES OF INTEREST:
Deposits at call, without notice, 5 per cent.
Ditto, at 3 months, 5½ per cent.
Ditto, at 6 months, 6 per cent.
Ditto, at 12 months, 7 per cent.
(Interest paid half-yearly).
CURRENT ACCOUNTS BEARING INTEREST.
Current or drawing accounts are also opened with trading firms and private persons, according to the usual practice of bankers, but with the important exception that interest is allowed on the daily balance at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. per annum.
These accounts are operated on by cheque books, obtainable at the office of the company.
TO DEPOSITORS.
The company offer the very best security, as the whole of the funds of the company are invested in or lent upon city and suburban freehold and leasehold properties, which undoubtedly form the most stable of all investments.
The Company's Prospectus, obtainable on application at the offices of the Company, near General Post Office, 163, Pitt-street, Sydney.
WILLIAM CLARKE, Manager.

LAND COMPANY OF AUSTRALASIA, Limited.
Incorporated 9th April, 1885.
TEMPORARY HEAD OFFICE, 278, PITT-STREET.
Authorised Capital £200,000, divided into 20,000 Shares of £10 each
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £124,960.
COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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With power to add to their number.
SOLICITOR:
W. J. Fergusson, M.L.A.
SURVEYOR:
A. W. Stephen.
AUDITORS:
Geo. J. Sly R. G. Brefliatt.
Shares in the Company may be had on the following terms, viz.:—
10s per share on application,
10s on allotment.
and the balance in calls of not exceeding 10 per cent. on the amount paid up at intervals of not less than three calendar months.
Any shareholder may anticipate calls by at once paying any sum up to £5 per share.
All Dividends will be paid on the daily balance.
Until the number of members of the Court of Directors is increased to twenty-five, any person subscribing five hundred shares, and approved by them, will be entitled to a seat therein.
All applications must be forwarded to the Company's office, addressed "General Manager."
The Memorandum and Articles of Association may be seen at the Company's Office, where a copy of the Prospectus can be obtained.
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R. C. WALKER,
Principal Librarian.
December 22, 1885.

IN THE WILL of ADELAIDE SHARPLESS, late of Bathurst, in the Colony of New South Wales, widow, deceased.

PURSUANT to the Act of the Legislature of New South Wales, 26 Victoria, No. 12, section 29, intituled "An Act to amend the law of Property and further to relieve Trustees" notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon or affecting the estate of ADELAIDE SHARPLESS, late of Bathurst, in the colony of New South Wales, widow, who died on or about the thirtieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and probate of whose will was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, on the thirteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, to the Very Reverend JOHN THOMAS MARRIOTT, Doctor of Philosophy, Dean of the Cathedral Church of All Saints', in Bathurst, in the said colony, the executor appointed by the said will, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the said executor, or to Messrs. M'INTOSH and CO., of Bathurst, his proctors, on or before the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, at the expiration of which time the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which he shall then have had notice; And the said executor will not be liable for the assets to any person of whose debt or claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1885.
M'INTOSH and CO.,
Proctors for the said Executors.

By Curtiss and Barry,
167, King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.
In the Goods of BREREFTON COGHLAN TAYLOR, late of Bourke, in the Colony of New South Wales, deceased, Intestate.
ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Estate of the above-named deceased are required to send particulars of the same to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of January next, after which date the Administratrix will distribute the assets of the said Estate. Dated at Sydney this twenty-first day of December, 1885.
MARY TAYLOR,
Wemyss-street, Stanmore. Administratrix.

NOTICE is hereby given that by an indenture bearing date the sixteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and made between WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON, of Bega, in the Colony of New South Wales, Tailor and Outfitter, thereinafter designated the Assignor, of the first part; THOMAS BEILBY WALCOT, of Sydney, in the said colony, Woollen Merchant, thereinafter designated Trustee, of the second part; and the several persons and bodies corporate creditors of the said WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON, whose names are mentioned in the first schedule to the said indenture, and all other the creditors of the said William Henry Robinson, of the third part: All the real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever situate of the said Assignor are released, assigned, and assured unto the said Thomas Beilby Walcot, his heirs, executors, and administrators, according to the nature and quality of the same, upon certain trusts therein expressed for the benefit of all the creditors of the said William Henry Robinson; and that the said indenture, duly executed and attested as by law required, is now lying at the office of ARTHUR NOBLE WALCOT, Conveyancer, Lyndon-chambers, No. 161, Phillip-street, Sydney, aforesaid, for inspection and execution. Dated this sixteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.
W. H. ROBINSON.
THOS. B. WALCOT.

Signed by the said William Henry Robinson in the presence of John Davis, P.M., a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New South Wales.

Signed by the said Thomas Beilby Walcot in the presence of Wm. Henderson, J.P., a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New South Wales.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of New South Wales during the present session on behalf of the body corporate known as the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, for leave to introduce a Bill to declare the trusts and provide for the application of certain moneys which have been paid to the said body corporate by the Government of New South Wales by way of compensation for the resumption by the said Government under the powers of the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act of the land and buildings known as St. James' School, situate in Elizabeth and Castlereagh streets, in the city of Sydney.
Dated this 26th day of November, 1885.
NORTON, SMITH, and WESTGARTH,
Solicitors for the Bill.
2, O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE of E. DEVEREUX and SONS, of BOMBALA, Storekeepers.

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NOTICE.
In the Estate of JAMES DAWSON, Glen Innes, Deceased.

We, the undersigned are instructed by Mrs. MARY DAWSON, Executrix, and Messrs. R. WELTON HOGG and THOMAS DAVIS, Executors in above Estate, to request the Creditors to furnish us, without delay, statements of their separate claims, namely:—
Statement up to date of decease, 8th November, 1885.
Statement of claim subsequent to that date.
MELDRUM and MELDRUM,
Public Accountants, &c.
8, York-street, Sydney, Dec. 22.

RANDWICK ASYLUM.
The House Committee acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following Donations for the use of the children:—4 tins of Confectionery from Mrs. L. W. Levy; parcel of Bon-Bons and Hidden Treasures from Mr. James Steadman; and 60lb. of Fancy Biscuits from Messrs. Kendall and Sons.
JOSEPH COULTER,
Superintendent.

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Our thanks are due to the following for donations on behalf of the above:—Messrs. R. Harper and Co., George-street; John Fraser and Co., York-street; Tennant and Co., Circular Quay.
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JOHN HENDERSON, Secretary.

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Secretary.

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EDWIN J. C. BRYANT,
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City-chambers, 215, Pitt-street.

SYDNEY PERMANENT FREEHOLD LAND AND BUILDING SOCIETY.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
The OFFICE of the above Society will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 25th, 26th, and 28th instant.
Accounts due on Saturday, December 26th, will be paid on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, December 24th.
J. W. BIBBY,
Secretary.
218, Pitt-street.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
PEAPE and SHAW'S Business Establishment WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, December 25, and SATURDAY, December 26; and open as usual for business on MONDAY, December 28.
PEAPES and SHAW, 324, 326, 328, George-street.

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WALTER CHURCH,
Manager.
December 22, 1885.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
Our Establishments will be CLOSED from THURSDAY EVENING, 24th, till MONDAY MORNING, 28th instant.
DAVID JONES and COMPANY.

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NOTICE.
The N. S. W. FRESH FOOD and ICE COMPANY, Limited, beg to inform Customers that they will only make ONE DELIVERY of MILK (morning, when the full day's quantity will be left) from 25th to 28th instant inclusive. No Suburban delivery of ICE or BUTTER will be made on those days.
The Arcade Depot will RE-OPEN on MONDAY, the 28th instant.
21, Harbour-street, Sydney,
23rd December, 1885.

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MONDAY NEXT, December the 28th, being a PUBLIC HOLIDAY, the Establishments of the undersigned will be CLOSED:—
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S. H. LEWIS,
Secretary.
130, Pitt-street.

NOTICE.
The Warehouses of the undersigned will be Closed from the evening of Thursday, the 24th, until Tuesday, the 29th instant.
JOHN KEEP and SON,
Clarence and King streets.

THE OFFICES of the undersigned will be closed EVERY SATURDAY during Vacation, i.e., from 19th December instant to 6th February, 1886, inclusive.
M'CULLOCH and POLL,
121, Pitt-street, Sydney.
23rd December, 1885.

LEGAL NOTICE.
The Offices of AYLWARD and WILD, Solicitors, Beresford-chambers, 52, Castlereagh-street, will be CLOSED from Friday, the 25th instant, till Saturday, the 2nd proximo (both days inclusive), for the Christmas holidays. Sydney, Dec. 23, 1885.

CIVIL SERVICE BUILDING SOCIETY.
The Offices of this Society will be CLOSED from THIS (Thursday) EVENING till TUESDAY MORNING, 29th instant.
W. S. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

THE Offices of the Commercial Building and Investment Company will be closed from THURSDAY EVENING, 24th instant, to TUESDAY MORNING, 29th instant, at 9 o'clock.
By order. J. STUART-MASON,
Manager.
Waltham Buildings, December 23rd, 1885.

METROPOLITAN MUTUAL PERMANENT BUILDING and INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION, Limited.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
The Office of the above Association will be CLOSED from THURSDAY EVENING to TUESDAY MORNING, 29th instant.
ROBERT W. CONWAY,
Manager.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.
HUNTLEY and BARNARD,
Auctioneers and Estate Agents,
beg to notify that their spacious Rooms and Offices will be CLOSED from Thursday Afternoon until Tuesday Morning next, when business will be resumed as usual, at 9 o'clock.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
Our Offices and Sale Rooms will be CLOSED to business on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY Next, 25th, 26th, and 28th instant.
BATT, RODD, and PURVES,
Auctioneers.
88, Pitt-street,
24th December, 1885.

MONDAY being a General Holiday, our Establishment will be Closed from Thursday Evening until Tuesday.
ELLIOTT BROS., Limited.

N. S. W. TRADE PROTECTIVE INSTITUTE,
Temple-court, King-street.
The Offices of the above will be Closed from Thursday, 24th instant, to Tuesday, the 29th instant.
JOHN GIBBS, Manager (late Bretnall Bros.).

CITY AND COUNTRY INVESTMENT, LAND, and BUILDING COMPANY, Limited.
The Offices of this Company will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, 25th, 26th, and 28th instant.
F. W. MIDDLETON,
Managing Director.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
In consequence of the Christmas Holidays the Offices of this Society will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 25th, till MONDAY, the 28th instant, inclusive.
Premiums—the days of grace for which expire on any of these days—will be accepted on TUESDAY the 29th.
By order of the Board.
RICHARD TEECE,
Acting Secretary.

NOTICE.—Our Warehouses will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 25th instant, till MONDAY, 28th (inclusive), for the Christmas Holidays. E. PROSSER and CO., Wholesale Druggists, O'Connell-street.

THOMPSON AND GILES.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
DENISON HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, and RE-OPEN on the morning of MONDAY, the 28th.

DENISON HOUSE will also be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1886.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
The offices of the undersigned will be CLOSED from THIS EVENING till TUESDAY MORNING, 29th instant.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH,
98, PITT-STREET.

THE WAREHOUSES of the undersigned will be CLOSED from THIS EVENING, 24th, to TUESDAY MORNING, 29th instant. ENOCH TAYLOR and CO., 22, York-street, and 261, Clarence-street.

THE WAREHOUSES of the undersigned will be CLOSED from THIS EVENING, 24th instant, until TUESDAY MORNING, 29th instant. TULLOCK and CO., Wholesale Grocers and Importers, Haymarket.

NOTICE.
The OFFICE and SEED WAREHOUSES of the undersigned will be closed for the XMAS HOLIDAYS from this (Thursday) evening, 24th inst., until Tuesday morning, 29th inst.
ANDERSON and CO.
Seed Merchants, 216 and 218, Pitt-street.

THE ROYAL FURNISHING ARCADE will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, for the Christmas Holidays.
CAMPBELL BROTHERS,
426, George-street.

THE ROYAL FURNISHING ARCADE will be OPEN THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING, till 9 p.m., for the SALE OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
CAMPBELL BROTHERS,
426, George-street.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—Our Plate Glass Warehouse, at 271, George-street, and our Wall Paper Warehouse, 330, George-street, will be CLOSED from FRIDAY till TUESDAY Morning. JAMES SANDY and CO.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
Messrs. NICHOLSON and CO.'S Piano, Organ, and Music Warehouse, 325, George-street, will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, 25th, and SATURDAY, 26th instant. RE-OPENING for business as usual on MONDAY, 28th instant.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL INVESTMENT AND BUILDING COMPANY, Limited,
309, Pitt-street.
The OFFICES of the above Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY EVENING, 24th instant, till TUESDAY MORNING, 29th.
H. C. SWYNY,
Managing Director.

SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE.—There will be no meeting of members after the 24th December until Monday, the 4th January.
LEWIS P. BAIN, Hon. Secretary.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY.
Incorporated by Act of Parliament.
A Branch of this Bank has been opened at St. Leonards for the transaction of all usual Banking Business, under the temporary management of Mr. W. K. Roche.
F. A. A. WILSON,
General Manager.
December 22nd, 1885.

THE WAREHOUSE of the undersigned will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 25th, till TUESDAY, 29th instant.
R. PRECIOUS and CO.

THE OFFICES of the undersigned will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 24th instant, till TUESDAY, 29th inst.
G. C. MURDOCH, Esq., Solicitor, Lyndon-chambers, 161, Phillip-street, Sydney.

FOR NOTHING.—Dozen CHRISTMAS CARDS for nothing to everyone who buys a CHRISTMAS PRESENT at FULLER'S, 385 and 387, George-street, To-day.
Ask for them.

WANTED, everyone to know that Steamers and Trams run from King-street to Races half-hourly on 28th.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

PUBLIC INFORMATION.
The whole of the Establishments of the undersigned will be CLOSED from this EVENING until next TUESDAY MORNING.
JAMES KIDMAN,
Importer,
Grocer,
Wine and Spirit Merchant,
and
Government Contractor.
THE PRIDE OF AUSTRALIA, Oxford-street.
THE GREAT SOUTHERN, Haymarket.
THE GREAT NORTHERN, Lower George-street.
THE MODEL GROCERY EMPORIUM OF AUSTRALASIA, George and Market streets.
GLADESVILLE,
and
PARRAMATTA.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of the undersigned will be CLOSED from the 24th till TUESDAY, the 29th instant.
PLUMMER and OWEN.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—I hereby caution anyone against slandering my mother or myself, as I will prosecute them according to law.
ALEXANDER ISAACS.
65, Mary-street, Albion Estate.

NOTICE.—If JOHN BOWIE does not clear his goods in 7 days, they will be sold to pay expenses.
Huntley House,
100, Elizabeth-street North, Sydney.

IF S. WAKELIN does not proceed with the erection of the 2 Cottages for me on the Watersleigh Estate, North Shore, within 48 hours, I will cause the same to be done at his risk.
THOMAS FEFLY.

I HEREBY give Notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Honor Lincoln.
(Signed) JOSEPH LINCOLN,
Ruthven-street, Waverley.

I HEREBY apologise to Mr. and Mrs. Hawkshaw for what I said. I had no foundation. Lavinia Pow Chee.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—I hereby CAUTION any Minister of any denomination from marrying my daughter MARY ANN DAWSON, as she is under age; also any person harbouring her after this date will be liable to prosecution, she having left her home without provocation. (Signed) JOHN DAWSON, Brisbane, Queensland.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—The H. Davis published in the Police Report, fined for being drunk, is not HENRY DAVIS, Porter, Sydney Railway Station.

MR. WILLIAM JOHN WEST, Solicitor, has removed from No. 124, Elizabeth-street, to offices lately occupied by Messrs. Heron and Smith, at No. 53, Hunter-street, one door from Elizabeth-street.

MR. EDWARD READING, Dentist, will be absent from his Rooms until the 2nd of January next. 33, Castlereagh-street.

NOTICE AND CAUTION.
Persons TRESPASSING on Fuller's Picnic Grounds, leased by us, at Lake Narabeen, or being thereon without our exemption tickets, will be prosecuted. The small charge we have to impose upon campers is found necessary in order to keep up the high tone of the place.
BLACK and CO.,
Manly Livery Stables.
December 1st, 1885.

PURCHASE your Furniture at the Royal Furnishing Arcade.
CAMPBELL BROTHERS,
426, George-street.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN'S Original SYDNEY and MELBOURNE COFFEE PALACE, 231, George-street North (mark the number).—Picnic Parties supplied. English Ham, Ham Sandwiches.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
TO THE PUBLIC OF SYDNEY and SUBURBS.
DALM and OERTEL'S superior Mineral Waters and Cordials are now obtainable at leading hotels, clubs, caterers, chemists, wine and spirit merchants, grocers, &c. Lemonade (from Australian lemons), Seltzer, Tonic, Potass, Ginger Ale, Sodawater, Lithia (for gout), Lemon Syrup, Peppermint, Raspberry Syrup Ginger Wine, Cloves, Limejuice, &c. Highly recommended by leading physicians. Manufactured from carefully filtered water. Delivery regular.
Works: 403, Pitt-street, between Liverpool and Goulburn streets.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
I beg to notify to my friends and the public that my connection as general manager with the Compagnoni Catering Company has been severed, and that I shall in all probability commence business as an hotelkeeper on my own account about the end of January next.
All ACCOUNTS against me please send to Ridgway's Hotel, Sandringham.
E. D. TOLLEMACHE.

M. H. LAUCHLAN having returned from Europe, begs to notify that he has resumed his Indent and Manufacturers' Agency Business, at 46, Market-street, Sydney, December 23, 1885.

NOTICE.—The undersigned begs respectfully to inform the public that he has been requested to take possession of the Ladies' Baths at Manly before being prepared to do so; he hopes, therefore, that any temporary inconvenience will be overlooked.
(Signed) CHARLES KINDRED.

WANTED, Masons to know that STRIKE still continues at Mr. Jennings' job, St. Patrick's College, Manly Beach.
W. EMSLIE, President.
J. YOUNGSON, Strike Secretary.
W. FERRIER, C. C. Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
I desire to certify that the lady's bag left in cab 935 has been recovered, and that the driver is not in any way to blame.
Miss A. PEPPER.

TOWN HALL COFFEE PALACE.
Grand Poultry Luncheon CHRISTMAS DAY, 1s.
Monster Plum Pudding.

WHAT! You haven't been to the new Carrington Luncheon-room, at the corner of King and Pitt streets! Go there to-day to lunch, and you will go again.

REMOVAL.—W. PEARCE, Saddler, to 2, Swanstreet, rear of 660, George-street, near Liverpool-street.

MADAME CHALK proceeds to Tasmania on the 30th November, returning Sydney end December.

MR. S. CHAIM, Dentist, Enmore-road, Newtown, will be absent from his office from 23rd inst. until January 14.

COLLECTOR.—DEBTS, Rents, and Outstanding Accounts COLLECTED at current rates, or by arrangement, and security given.
CHARLES JUNOR, Victoria Hotel, Castlereagh-street.

S. E. COLLOU'S GO-AHEAD LINE OF COACHES, Sydney to Cobar. Booking Office—90, Pitt-street.
Sydney—JOHN F. M'LAGES and CO., Agents.

A. A. [illegible]NEY and CO.,
successors to
HOBSON and WHITING,
GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS, &c.
13, Hunter-street,
Sydney.

JACOBS, HART, and CO. have taken premises, 169, Clarence-street. INDENTS for European and American Merchandise executed. Liberal terms. London address, 2, London Wall-avenue, E.C.

ENGLISH AGENCY.—The undersigned, established in London upwards of twenty years, confine themselves exclusively to a General Commission Business; are well acquainted with Australian requirements, and possess special facilities for purchasing goods to the best advantage in the English markets.
Indents should be accompanied by cash remittances or bank letters of credit, to ensure full trade discounts. Account sales of produce under consignment rendered promptly, and net proceeds invested to order, every attention being devoted to the eligible shipment and insurance of all goods passing through their hands.
R. S. LLOYD and CO., No. 8, George-yard, Lombard-street, London.

THE Undersigned are prepared to make LIBERAL ADVANCES on Wool, Metals, and other Colonial Produce, either intended for sale here or for shipment, consigned to their London house.
DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO.,
11, Macquarie-place.

LOOK OUT FOR CARRINGTON HEIGHTS.
MANLY, LOVELY MANLY.
HUNTLEY and BARNARD,
161, Pitt-street.

SYDNEY MAIL.
XMAS NUMBER.
Suitable for Presentation to Country Friends.
Send orders to Office, Hunter-street, enclosing 6d in stamps.

GAS STOVE "Paragon" roasting, baking, grilling, toasting TO-DAY, 11 till 1. Raleigh, 253, Elizabeth-street.

Miscellaneous.

FOR SALE, Collection of Ancient KINDS, 2000 and 3000 years old. 63, Riley-street, Woolloomooloo.

FOR SALE, Hammerless D. B. L. GUN, by London maker. H. J., care of T. Salisbury, engraver, 40, Hunter-st.

FOR SALE, Fox-terrier PUPS, handsomely marked. 18, Denham-street, Surry Hills.

SCOTCH COLLIES.—For SALE, some PUPS, grand lot. Porter, 25, Wellington-street, Chippendale.

B. R. and white Game, Col. and British, young brahma Cocks to be given away at 5s each; all these birds are pure-bred, must be sold. T. Cross, Railway-road, near Marrickville Station.

CAMPHOR BOXES (delicious perfume) Solid Leather Trunks, Sea-chests, &c. Goldstein's Stores, 231, George-st.

OILSKIN CLOTHING, Oilskin Covers for Horses, Vehicles, &c. Goldstein's Oilskin Factory, 231, George-st.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING.—Highest price given. T. WILEY, 360, Elizabeth-street. Letters attended.

THE Highest Price given for Gentlemen's Left-off Clothing. A. Barnett, 355, Castlereagh-st. Letters attended.

THE highest price given for Left-off Clothing. J. Biddel, 132, George-street West. Letters attended.

LEFT-OFF Clothing and old Gold Jewellery wanted, large or small quantities. Dawson, 183, Bathurst-st. E.

FURNITURE Bought, every description, highest price given; repairing done. Tighe, 377, Bourke-street.

TENTS, Tarpaulins, Canvas Waterbottles, Hammocks, &c.; factory prices. Goldstein's Factory, 231, George-st.

ASHES can be had for carting, or will pay small amount for carting. J. Try, 255, Castlereagh-street.

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.—Wanted to Purchase, a Collection of BIRDS' SKINS, from NEW GUINEA and the SOLOMON ISLANDS. Apply to the Curator, at the Museum.

DOVE HOUSE wanted. Apply 135, Castlereagh-street.

SAFE.—Small Second-hand Iron SAFE required. A. Shadler, 73, Hunter-street.

WANTED to Purchase, FURNITURE of 5-roomed house. Apply X. Y., care J. Stone, 63, King-street.

WANTED, Counter Glass Cases, suitable for confectionery. Mrs. Goldstein's Coffee, 231, George-st. North.

Public Companies.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
Established 1817.
Capital, £1,000,000. Reserve, £580,000.
Directors:
Thomas Walker, Esq., President.
Robert C. Close, Esq. | Thomas Buckland, Esq.
Hon. T. Cadell, Esq., M.L.C. | Robert L. Tooth, Esq.
William Laidley, Esq.
Auditors:
Sydney Burdekin, Esq. | George Merivale, Esq.
Shepherd Smith—General Manager.
HEAD OFFICE—SYDNEY.
Charles Mark Palmer—Manager.
LONDON OFFICE:—OLD BROAD-STREET.
With Branches in all the Australian Colonies and New Zealand; and Agencies in Tasmania, India, and the East, the United States, Hamburgh, and the United Kingdom.
The Bank allows interest on fixed deposits; collects for its customers dividends of public companies, and interest on debentures; and invests money on their behalf in public securities in the Colonies or Great Britain; undertakes the Agency of other Banks; and conducts all customary Banking business.

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1835.
Paid-up Capital, £1,600,000.
Reserve Funds, £750,000.
London Office—4, Threadneedle-street, London, E.C.
Sydney Branch—259, George-street North.
EDWARD HUGHES, Manager.
Inspector for New South Wales and Queensland:
JOHN SAWERS.
City and Suburban Offices—Leichhardt, Newtown, Petersham, 144, Pitt-street, St. Peters, Kogarah. Southern Branch, 557, George-street South. Western Branch, 55, Sussex-street.
BRANCHES also at Albury, Corowa, Grenfell, Howlong, Jerilderie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Narrabri, Newcastle, Stroud, Tamworth, and Wallsend, in New South Wales; and also in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand.
AGENTS and Correspondents in the United Kingdom, India and the East, the United States, and Europe.
The Bank allows interest on deposits for fixed periods, and also transacts all usual banking business.
A SHARE REGISTER is kept in the colonies, to which shares on the English register can be transferred without charge.
Circular Notes are issued in sums of £10 and £25, negotiable by correspondents in the chief cities of the Continent of Europe, North and South America, Africa, and the East.
January 12, 1885.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY.
Established 1869.
Incorporated by Act of Parliament, 1878.

Paid-up Capital ...	£300,000
Reserve Fund ...	150,000

Directors:
The Hon. Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., Chairman.
Hon. Henry Mort, M.L.C.
George S. Caird, Esq.
Hon. Philip Gidley King, M.L.C.
C. Rolleston, Esq., C.M.G.
Auditors:
Jas. Scroggie, Esq.
Hon. H. E. Cohen, Esq.
General Manager:
F. A. A. Wilson.
Secretary:
Hector Allen.
BRANCHES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.
Haymarket
Redfern
Gosford
Nyngan
Pyrmont
Bourke
Manly
Parramatta.
Branch in Queensland:
Brisbane.
London Branch: 158, Leadenhall-street.
Directors: Edward Chapman, Esq. | Sir Saul Samuel, K.C.M.G. | Geo. P. Stace, Esq. | Geo. H. Alexander, Esq.
Manager, Geo. H. Alexander, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS:
The National Provincial Bank of England.
This Bank transacts all usual Banking and Financial Agency Business on the most favourable terms.
Bills discounted daily.
Bills negotiated and advances made against wool and other produce shipped to England for sale.

ENGLISH, SCOTTISH, AND AUSTRALIAN CHARTERED BANK.
Incorporated by Royal Charter 1852.

Capital, with power to increase to £1,500,000 ...	£720,000
Reserved liability of shareholders...	720,000
Reserved fund...	205,000
Total ...	£1,645,000

London Office, 73, Cornhill, E.C.
Branches at Sydney and suburbs: Albion Park, Wollongong, Bulli, Kiama, Moss Vale, Broughton Creek, Nowra, Marulan, Goulburn, Burrawang, Milton, and Kempsey; and in Victoria, South Australia, and Palmerston (Port Darwin).
Agents and correspondents in Tasmania, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, India and the East, Mauritius, the United States, South America, Berlin, Hamburg, Dresden, and Copenhagen.
The bank allows interest on deposits for fixed periods, and transacts all usual banking business.
FLETCHER DIXON, Manager.

LONDON CHARTERED BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1852.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

PAID-UP CAPITAL AND RESERVE FUND...	£1,088,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS...	1,000,000
	£2,088,000

LONDON OFFICE: 2, OLD BROAD-STREET, CITY, E.C.
COLONIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.
Inspector and General Manager: Charles Guthrie.
Branch Inspectors: William Reid, Thomas Buchanan.
NEW SOUTH WALES.
Sydney Branch.—Local Directors: Sir P. A. Jennings, K.C.M.G.; E. C. Merewether, Esq. Manager: M. C. Macharcy.
Sydney Sub-Branches.—Oxford-street: Manager, J. L. Ballantyne; 273, Pitt-street: Manager, J. J. Booty; Western Branch, corner of George and Harris streets: Manager, G. H. Morris.
Branches also at Bourke, Deniliquin, Hay, Hillston, Newcastle, and Wilcannia.
VICTORIA.
Melbourne Branch.—Local Directors: James Aitken, Esq.; Richard Goldsbrough, Esq.; Manager: John Young.
Melbourne Sub-Branch: 185, Bourke-street East.
Branches also at Ararat, Ballarat West, Ballarat East, Carlton, Clunes, Dunolly, Echuca, Fitzroy, Geelong, Gordon, Horsham, Maryborough—with agencies at Majorca and Carisbrook—Sandhurst, Stawell, Talbot, Wangaratta.
QUEENSLAND.
Brisbane Branch.—Local Director: The Hon. James Cowlishaw M.L.C. Manager: Alex. Brown.
Also at South Brisbane and Townsville.
Agents in England, Ireland, Scotland, Adelaide, Batavia, Bombay, and Calcutta, Boston (U. S.), Canada, Colombo, Foo Chow, Hongkong, and Shanghai, Manila, Mauritius, New York and San Francisco, New Zealand, Point de Galle, Singapore, Perth (W.A.), Valparaiso, Yokohama, Madras, Sandwich Islands, &c., &c.
Letters of credit and drafts upon branches issued. Bills discounted, negotiated, and sent for collection. Deposits received, and all descriptions of banking and exchange business undertaken at rates which may be ascertained on application at any of the branches. Share registers are kept in Sydney and Melbourne to which shares on the London Register can be transferred free of charge.

THE FEDERAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA, Limited.

Authorised Capital ...	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital ...	800,000
Paid-up Capital ...	400,000
Reserve Fund ...	34,500
Reserved Liability of Shareholders ...	400,000

DIRECTORS:
Hon. W. A. BROOKES, M.L.C., Chairman
W. H. ELDRED, Esq.
ROBT. HUDSON, Esq.
F. T. HUMPHERY, Esq., M.L.A.
J. Y. MILLS, J.P.
MANAGER:
EBENEZER MACDONALD, J.P.
Agents in all the Australian Colonies, New Zealand, and London.
All usual Banking Business transacted without delay to customers.
EBENEZER MACDONALD,
Manager.

THE SOUTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY.
HEAD OFFICE: MELBOURNE.
CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
Branch Offices:
LONDON and ADELAIDE.
SYDNEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
J. S. Mitchell, Esq., Chairman
Louis Haigh, Esq. | George Maiden, Esq.
Samuel Hordern, Esq.
HENRY CORNWELL, Secretary.
AGENCIES:
At Mauritius, Bombay, Fremantle, Geelong, and Warrnambool.
MARINE RISKS upon Specie, Wool, Minerals, and other Merchandise accepted on favourable conditions, and Policies made payable in LONDON, if required.

CORNWALL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL ...	£100,000
RESERVED FUND ...	£30,000

with unlimited liability of Shareholders.
MARINE and FIRE RISKS accepted at the Lowest Current Rates.
GEO. A. LLOYD and CO.,
Agents for New South Wales.
65, Pitt-street, Sydney.

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Ask for them.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS at the Royal Furnishing Arcade. This Evening. Campbell Brothers, 426, George-st.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK, Limited.
Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1863.
Bankers to the Government of Queensland.

Authorised Capital ...	£2,000,000
Subscribed Capital ...	1,204,600
Paid-up Capital ...	652,300
Reserve Fund ...	305,000

Directors:
Hon. F. H. Hart, M.L.C., Chairman.
Boyd D. Morehead, Esq., M.L.A.
Hon. Sir A. H. Palmer, K.C.M.G., M.L.C.
Auditors:
T. Unmack, Esq. | A. B. Webster, Esq.
Solicitors—Messrs. Hart and Flower.
General Manager—Edward Robert Drury, C.M.G.
GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.
Inspector of Branches—John Souttar.
Sub-Inspector of Branches—Arthur Forbes.
Branch Accountant—G. H. Pritchard.
HEAD OFFICE, BRISBANE.
Manager—H. W. Glenny.
Accountant—J. K. Cannan.
BRANCHES.
LONDON OFFICE,
29, LOMBARD-STREET, E.C.
Local Directors:
E. S. Dawes, Esq.
Vicary Gibbs, Esq.
R. M. Stewart, Esq.
Manager—Robert Dunlop Buchanan.
Bankers:
The Bank of England
The Consolidated Bank, Limited.
SYDNEY—99, PITT-STREET.
L. A. Johnstone, Acting Manager.

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BURKETOWN	NORMANTON
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CLONCURRY	ROMA
COOKTOWN	STANTHORPE
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GYMPIE, WITH AGENCY AT ONE MILE	THURSDAY ISLAND
HERBERTON	TOOWOOMBA
HUGHENDEN	TOWNSVILLE
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AGENCIES:
Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia—National Bank of Australasia. New Zealand—Bank of New Zealand, the Colonial Bank of New Zealand. Tasmania—Bank of Van Diemen's Land. Scotland—Royal Bank of Scotland; British Linen Co. Bank. Ireland—Ulster Banking Co. New York—Messrs. Laidlaw and Co. San Francisco—Bank of California. China and the East—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
The QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK, Limited, grants drafts on its branches and agents; negotiates bills against colonial produce, including copper and tin; discounts commercial paper; makes advances by way of cash credit, and on approved securities; allows interest on deposits, according to arrangement; and transacts all usual banking business.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
Established 1849.
FOR LIFE ASSURANCE on the MUTUAL PRINCIPLE.
The oldest Australian Mutual Life Office, and the only one distributing profits yearly.
HEAD OFFICE:
87, Pitt-street, Sydney.
DIRECTORS:
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Isaac Ellis Ives, Esq., M.L.A., Deputy-Chairman.
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W. G. Murray, Esq.
Jas. R. Fairfax, Esq.
The Hon. Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., M.L.C.
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER:
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NEW BUSINESS of 1884.
8866 Policies, assuring £2,962,402, with New Premiums of £100,366.

Divisible Surplus of the year 1884 ...	£263,435
Policies in force ...	62,000
Assuring (with bonus additions) ...	£25,000,000
Annual Income ...	£1,100,000

Accumulated Funds, FIVE AND A HALF MILLIONS sterling.
The distributions of profit take place yearly, and bonuses vest when policies have been two years in force.

MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA.
Established 1869, and Incorporated by Act of Parliament.
THE SECOND OLDEST
MUTUAL LIFE OFFICE IN AUSTRALASIA, and the FIRST TO FREE ASSURANCE FROM RESTRICTIONS.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
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December 19, 1885.

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
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Council-chambers, Railway-street, Redmyre,
December 21, 1885.

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Burwood, December 21, 1885. Secretary.

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Architect,
corner of Hunter and Pitt streets.

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December 23, 1885.

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Very pretty Hoods in Muslin, Delaines, Coloured Satin, and all Lace, 2s 6d, 3s 6d, 4s 6d, to 15s 6d.
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AN EXTENSIVE SHIPMENT OF FRENCH and ENGLISH GLOVES WILL BE OFFERED AT CASH PRICES.
FRENCH KID GLOVES, the Celebrated Manufacture of FRANCOIS CALVAT et CIE.
In all the new and fashionable shades, 4, 6, and 8 Button lengths.
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Plain, Check, and Stripe Zephyrs, 8½d to 10½d per yard.
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34-inch All-Wool Virginia Cloth, 30 shades, 12½d per yard
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The above quotations are for SUPERIOR FABRICS, manufactured from the Finest Australian Wools, and cannot be surpassed either for quality or value.
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Patrol Jackets.	White Linen Duck, 10s 9d each; China Silk, 10s 6d each; White Flannel, 17s each.
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Auction Sales.

ANDREW TOWN'S ANNUAL SALE.

HOBARTVILLE, RICHMOND, N.S.W.

ANDREW TOWN'S ANNUAL SALE will be held at HOBARTVILLE, RICHMOND, N.S.W., on THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1886.

NOTE.—A Special TRAIN will leave Redfern Railway Station on the morning of the Sale, at 7.50 a.m., calling at Parramatta, tickets for which, Catalogues of Stock, and all information required, can be obtained from the undersigned. P. CLIBBORN, Agent. 138, King-street.

HORSES, VEHICLES, and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, all lots not specially advertised; and at 12 o'clock, all lots not specially advertised. Regular sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown any afternoon. Livery: In this department charges moderate and best of forage.

To Private Families and Others.

SPLENDID FAMILY TURNOUT.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from W. G. Whiting, Esq., Randwick, to sell by auction at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock, A handsome grey gelding, quiet and staunch in harness; also, hooded extension-top buggy and harness in first-class order, making one of the neatest turnouts in Sydney; being sold as owner has no further use for them.

To Private Buyers, Livery Stable Keepers, and Others.

25 NEW and SECOND-HAND VEHICLES.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock, 25 first-class vehicles, consisting of single and double-seated buggies, top and no top, sociables, waggonettes, and all classes of traps, new and second-hand. All for unreserved sale. On view morning of sale.

PONY, BUGGY, and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from W. Bennett, Esq., to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock, A bay pony, quiet in saddle and harness, good goer, and stand tram. Also, single-seated buggy, with lamps and harness, in good order.

TO PRIVATE GENTLEMEN AND OTHERS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock, A stylish bay horse, stylish and good in harness, and thoroughly accustomed to the trams and city; also superior double-seated buggy and good set of English-made harness, a good lot. A bay gelding, 16.2, a good hack, can be recommended. A handsome black gelding, broken to saddle. A pony, 12 hands, broken to saddle and harness.

2 DRAUGHT HORSES, SPRING DRAYS, AND HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock, 2 heavy draught grey geldings, Druitt-street trial; also 2 second-hand spring drays and harness, in good order.

HIGHLAND GATHERING. ASSOCIATION GROUND, January 1st and 2nd.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary of the Highland Gathering Committee, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock, The right to booths, cake and fruit stalls, &c., for above gathering to be held on Association Cricket Ground, on January 1st and 2nd.

TATTERSALL'S ANNUAL MEETING. 1st and 2nd January.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary, Tattersall's Club to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 29th instant, at 12 o'clock, The right to the entrance gate, St. Leger reserve, booths, &c., for above meeting to be held at Randwick, on 1st and 2nd January, under the usual terms and conditions.

WILLIAM INGLIS and CO.'S HORSE BAZAAR, PITT and CASTLEREAGH STREETS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and CO. will hold their regular Sale of Horses, Vehicles, &c., at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, commencing at 11 o'clock sharp, when the following will be offered:— Draught, van, 'bus, cab, and all descriptions of light harness horses and hackneys. Also, Buggies, vans, springcarts, tipdrays, harness, saddles, &c.

N.B.—Sales held at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown any afternoon, as per arrangement.

HEAVY DRAUGHT, VAN, LIGHT HARNESS, and SADDLE HORSES. For SALE, at WILLIAM INGLIS and CO.'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

WILLIAM INGLIS and CO. have received instructions from various owners to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, 20 superior heavy draught mares and geldings, staunch in collar, and subject to trial; 16 active cart and van horses, with trials; 10 useful saddle and harness horses.

PAGNEL CART. WITHOUT RESERVE.

BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions from B. SMITH, Esq., PETERSHAM, to sell by auction, at their City Horse and Cattle Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., WITHOUT RESERVE, A light-running pagnel cart, recently out of the builder's hands.

FAMILY CUT-UNDER SOCIABLE and SECOND-HAND DOUBLE-SEATED BUGGY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and CO. have received instructions from Mr. Roberts to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, A family cut-under sociable, built to carry six. A second-hand double-seat buggy.

ACTIVE DRAUGHT STALLION, FOR SALE by AUCTION, at the BAZAAR, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, at 12 o'clock.

WILLIAM INGLIS and CO. have received instructions from Mr. JOHN CURTIS, Windsor, to sell by AUCTION, at their BAZAAR, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, at 12 o'clock, 1 grey draught stallion, very active, and thoroughly staunch in harness.

TUESDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

MESSRS. MACKENZIE, MACKAY, and CO. have received instructions from a gentleman who is proceeding to England to sell at their Yards, corner of Campbell and George streets, A valuable carriage, sociable, buggy, horses, harness, and all appointments. Sale at 12 sharp.

FOR NOTHING.—Dozen CHRISTMAS CARDS for nothing to everyone who buys a CHRISTMAS PRESENT at FULLER'S, 385 and 387, George-street, To-day. Ask for them.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

FASTEST Steamers in the Harbour are those from King-street to Parramatta.

IMPORTANT SALE of Mr. J. VOICE'S CELEBRATED HERD of PURE ALDERNEY CATTLE, at Westfield, Brunswick, Victoria, January 5, 1886.

BROWN BROS. and CO. have been favoured with instructions from JOHN VOICE, Esq., of Westfield, Brunswick, Victoria, to sell by auction, in conjunction with DOUGHARTY, SON, and PARKER, of Melbourne, on JANUARY 5th NEXT, at Westfield, Brunswick, near Melbourne, The whole of his far-famed ALDERNEY HERD of CATTLE, comprising 75 FEMALES and 10 MALES, admitted by competent judges as equal to anything of their breed ever yet placed to public competion in the Southern Hemisphere.

Mr. Voice's name as a breeder of pure Alderney Cattle requires no comment, having taken first and leading prizes at the principal show-rings in VICTORIA and New South Wales.

Westfield is close to Brunswick Railway Station, whence conveyances will run to and fro on the day of sale, for the convenience of intending purchasers.

BROWN BROS. and CO.'S CITY HORSE and CATTLE BAZAAR.

AUCTION SALE OF HORSES and VEHICLES, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m.

BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions from the various owners, to sell by auction, at their CITY HORSE and CATTLE BAZAAR, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m.,
10 first-class saddle hackneys
14 ditto single and double harness horses
2 buggy pairs
10 heavy draught horses
Also,
Several vehicles, and sundry lots of saddlery and harness.

N.B.—Sales held at the Bazaar DAILY at 10.30 a.m., and at Camperdown any afternoon as per arrangement.

CLEARING-OUT SALE. ABBOT HOODED BUGGY HORSE and HARNESS.

BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, Castlereagh-street, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
A FIRST-CLASS HOODED ABBOT BUGGY, good as new
A SOCIABLE HORSE
A SINGLE HARNESS HORSE.
Also,
Several sets of harness, in excellent repair.

T. R. SMITH and T. COSGROVE, under instructions from Mr. M. Cohen, will sell, at the Bazaar, at 11 o'clock, THIS DAY, Baker's cart and harness, 3 pairs scales, 2 sets weights, 34 bread tins and baskets. For positive unreserved sale.

T. R. SMITH and T. COSGROVE, under instructions from owners, will sell at Bazaar, at 12 o'clock, 24 useful horses, consisting of draught, van, cab, buggy, and saddle horses.

BRUNKER and WOLFE have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Wool Stores, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, Thursday, the 24th instant, at 11 o'clock, Wool, Sheepskins.

DRANSFIELD BROS. have received instructions to to sell by auction, at Homebush, THIS DAY, December 24, at 11 o'clock,
20 prime fat cattle, for T. M'Elhone, Esq.
10 ditto ditto ditto, for J. Hooper, Esq.
400 ditto ditto sheep, for T. Walters, Esq.
500 ditto ditto ditto, for H. Acraman, Esq.
520 ditto ditto ditto, for Hon. R. H. Roberts
920 ditto ditto ditto, for Southern Agents.

TRADE NOTICE.

GEORGE MAIDEN (for R. Goldsbrough and Co., Limited) will sell by auction, at Homebush, THIS DAY, 24th December, at 11 o'clock, 100 prime fat cattle, for A. Battye, Esq., Lachlan.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by public auction, at their Sale Yards, Homebush, THIS DAY, the 24th December, at 11 o'clock,
80 prime fat cattle, Messrs. Mackenzie Bros.
800 prime fat sheep, ditto ditto
800 prime fat sheep, — Mackenzie, Esq.
200 prime fat sheep, Messrs. R. and R. Glasson
100 prime fat lambs, Southern Agents.

WOOL. WOOL. WOOL.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by public auction, at new Wool Warehouse, Macquarie-place, THIS DAY, Thursday, the 24th instant, at 11.30, Sheepskins and bags and 500 bales wool, odd lots. TERMS, CASH.

BUTCHERS' GREEN SHEEPSKINS.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by public auction, at their Elizabeth-street Stores, THIS DAY, Thursday, the 24th December, at half-past 11 sharp, Butchers' green sheepskins. TERMS—CASH.

TRADE NOTICE.

HILL, CLARK, and CO. have been instructed to sell by auction, at Homebush, THIS DAY, 24th,
100 prime fat cattle, for J. T. Morgan, Esq.
29 ditto ditto ditto, for Hon. E. Flood, Esq., Berida
600 ditto ditto sheep, for W. F. Whitney, Esq., Coombing Park.

BUTCHERS' GREEN SHEEPSKINS.

HILL, CLARK, and CO. will sell by auction, at their Wool Warehouse, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock prompt, Butchers' green sheepskins.

J. H. GEDDES and CO. will sell by public auction, at their Warehouse, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 a.m., Sheepskins.

PRIME FAT SHEEP.

JOHN BRIDGE will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at Homebush, at 11 o'clock, 100 prime fat wethers.

WHEAT, POLLARD.

MORT and CO., Limited, will sell by auction, at their Grain Warehouse, Darling Harbour, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Bags above. Terms, cash.

FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP. HOMEBUSH, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
100 prime fat cattle, for Hon. J. Eales, Duckenfield
60 prime fat cattle, for Mr. J. Chisholm, Wollgorang
40 prime fat cattle, for Mr. R. M'Intyre, Glenfield
60 prime fat cattle, for Southern agents
80 prime fat cattle, for Mr. P. J. Harry
84 prime fat cattle, for Mr. H. Geary
700 prime fat sheep, for Mr. M. Butler
400 prime fat sheep, for Mr. J. Shepherd
400 prime fat sheep, for Mr. J. Loughnan
600 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. J. and F. M'Evoy
100 prime fat sheep, for W. H. Wheatley, Gunning
127 prime fat lambs, for Queanbeyan agents.

N.B.—No sales will be held at Homebush on Monday next, 28th instant.

TRADE NOTICE.

WILKINSON and LAVENDER will sell, at the Municipal Yards, Homebush, THIS DAY, 24th instant, at usual hours,
10 extra prime and fresh fat cattle, for J. Summer, Esq., per rail
100 prime fat sheep, for T. W. Hammond, Esq., per rail; and
100 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. J. and G. Russell, Eli Elwah, per rail.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Sale Yards, 827, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, December 24, at 11 o'clock, 50 very superior quiet well-bred dairy cows, in full milk, with calves at foot.

Those forward this week will be found an exceptionally fine lot, including several sent expressly for the Christmas market.

STOCK AND PRODUCE SALE.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Yards, 791, George-street South, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Milch cows, springers, and dry cattle. At 12 o'clock, Roll and keg butter, cheese, bacon, eggs, honey, and a large quantity of poultry, including ducks, geese, turkeys, fowls, &c. At half-past 2 o'clock, Pigs, calves, lambs, suckers, &c. At half-past 3 o'clock, 100 prime fat wethers, from Tarana; 120 ditto ditto lambs, ditto; Fat cattle, &c.

PIGS, PIGS. CALVES, CALVES. THIS DAY, 11 o'clock. Corporation Yards, Market Wharf.

GEORGE WELLS will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Pigs and calves.

POULTRY. POULTRY. POULTRY.

THIS DAY, Thursday, at 3 o'clock, at the Sale Rooms, 145, Sussex-street.

TATE BROS. will sell by auction, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 3 o'clock, Coops fowls, ducks, turkeys, and geese.

TATE BROTHERS will sell by auction, on account of the Manning River Farmers' Association and others, at the Corporation Yards, Market-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at half-past 2 o'clock, Prime fat pigs and calves.

THIS DAY, 11.30, Beef and Mutton by auction. H. M'Namara, Metropolitan Meat Market.

THE CLARENCE RIVER and NORTH COAST FARMERS' ASSOCIATION will sell, at the Corporation Yards, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 11, Pigs and calves, from the Clarence River.

THIS DAY, at 11 a.m. To Dealers and others.

SAUNDERS and CO. have been favoured with instructions from William Johnson, Esq., to sell by public auction, at 56, Druitt-street, The whole of his costly household furniture and effects of his 7-roomed boarding-house. A first-class lot. Terms, cash. No reserve.

THIS DAY, CHRISTMAS EVE, at 3 o'clock. Capital lot of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, lot of useful Sundries, &c., &c., comprising Sideboards, Chests Drawers, Toilet Tables, Bedsteads and Bedding, Washstands and Ware, Dining-room and Kitchen Requisites.

EDWARD FRENCH will sell as above, by auction, at the Market Sale Rooms, Newtown Markets, THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock, without reserve.

N.B.—Newtown Markets open To-day, instead of on Saturday.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 24th instant, at 11 o'clock sharp.

To WAREHOUSEMEN, DRAPERS, CLOTHIERS, &c.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE of NEW AND ORIGINAL GOODS, in MEN'S and BOYS' CLOTHING, HATS, WHITE and OXFORD SHIRTS, HOSIERY, UNDER-SHIRTS, TIES, SILICIAS, ITALIANS, THREADS, MOS. NETS, GREYS, LONGCLOTHS, MUSLIN WORK, LACE CURTAINS, &c.

Just landed, ex steamer Potosi.

CHAS. MOORE and CO. have been instructed by the shippers to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 123, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 24th instant, at 11 sharp, An original consignment of the above comprising—
MS in square.
3—1 case boys' twill K.B. Leopold suits, 0 to 7
4—1 ditto men's tweed trousers and vests, 3 to 7
5—1 ditto ditto ditto sac suits, 2 to 7
316—1 ditto men's white longcloth shirts, B.B., 14 to 16½
317—1 ditto ditto Birmingham ditto, 36 inch
29-30—2 cases ditto French felt hats, assorted
21-2—2 ditto ditto merino half-hose, assorted
1—1 case 36-inch slate silicias, assorted qualities
32-33—2 cases lace curtains, 3½ and 4 yards, assorted
34—1 case super Swiss work, various widths and qualities
35—1 ditto black and drab threads, assorted
117-118—2 cases mosquito nets, 96, 100, and 108 inch
119—1 case fancy ... ding, assorted
73—1 case gent.'s silk umbrellas, assorted, &c., &c.
Also,
Several men's suits, made to order.

NO RESERVE. Terms at sale.

THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock. At the Labour Bazaar, Pitt-street.

ALEXANDER MOORE and CO. will sell by auction, The FURNITURE and EFFECTS OF A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, Consisting of H. H. dining-room suite, drawing-room suite in cretonne, chiffoniers, tables, pier glasses, carpets, glass and crockery, bedsteads double and single, bedding, &c.; wardrobes, chests of drawers, pair walnut duchess toilets and sets, toilet tables, toilet glasses, kitchen tables, safes, office tables, shelving, large counters, sundries, &c.

THIS DAY, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, On the Premises, 589, Elizabeth-terrace, Harris-street, Ultimo. Household Furniture and Effects, comprising 4-post Tubular and H. T. Bedsteads and Bedding, Chests of Drawers, Washstands and Sets, Austrian Bedroom and Kitchen Chairs, Linoleum, Dining, Toilet, and Kitchen Tables, Couches, Safes, Pictures, Platedware, Glass and Crockery Ware, Dresser, Kitchen Utensils, and Sundries.

H. L. DUNN and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, on the above premises, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, The above.

Unredeemed Pledges.

H. L. DUNN and SON will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 274, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, The unredeemed jewellery pawned with Mrs. Francis Emmanuel, of Bay-street, Glebe, consisting of gold and silver English levers, gold alberts, brooches, &c.

Unredeemed Pledges.

H. L. DUNN and SON will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 274, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, The unredeemed jewellery pawned with Mr. Lewis Israel, of Parramatta-road, consisting of gold and silver English levers, gold brooches, alberts, necklets, &c.

THURSDAY, December 24, at 11 a.m.

On the Premises, Brentwood-terrace, Rochford-street, Macdonaldtown, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO (cost 70 guineas), and EFFECTS, comprising DRAWING, DINING, and BEDROOM FURNITURE, MIRRORS, CARPETS, BOOKCASES, KITCHEN UTENSILS.

B. R. HARRIS and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, on the premises as above, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. GOSFORD FERNS. GOSFORD FERNS. A Magnificent Assortment of the above.

B. R. HARRIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 114, Pitt-street, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, Gosford ferns, &c. Without reserve.

FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

TUESDAY, 29th December. ON THE PREMISES, 349, Liverpool-street, close to Forbes-street, at 11.30 o'clock.

OATLEY and CAHILL have been instructed to sell on the premises, on TUESDAY next, at 11.30 o'clock, the following:— Austrian chairs, bookcase; Dining tables, oilcloth; Toilet tables, bedsteads, and bedding; Chests of drawers, carpets; Kitchen utensils, &c., &c. Terms, cash.

TO PHOTOGRAPHERS.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Premises known as the SAN FRANCISCO PALACE OF ART, GEORGE-STREET, over Messrs. Peate and Harcourt's late Grocery Establishment, opposite Bank of Australasia, THIS DAY, DECEMBER 24, at 11 a.m., of Framed Portraits, Large-sized Photos of the late Bishop Barker and late Archbishop Vaughan, Sir Henry Parkes and other Public Men, in handsome frames; ALL THE NEGATIVES (about 17,000) made by the late Mr. Boyd; CAMERAS, LENSES, BACKGROUNDS, and ACCESSORIES; IRON SAFE, 2 ft. 7 x 1 ft. 9, by Taunton; HENNING'S PATENT SAFE, 2ft. 8 x 1ft. 10. The Furniture of the Reception and Dressing Rooms, &c., comprising Carpets, Bentwood Chairs, Walnut Centre Table, Mirrors, Writing Table, Gasaliers.

TO PHOTOGRAPHERS and FURNITURE BUYERS.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have received instructions to sell by auction at the above address, THIS DAY, 24th December, at 11 a.m., The above described.

Owing to the expiration of lease and early demolition of the premises, each lot must be sold to the highest bidder.

INSPECTION INVITED.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY.
1 Case Buggy, Cart, and Riding WHIPS
1 ditto Saddle Cloths
2 ditto Saddles and Harness.
4 Cases Mechanical Toys
1 ditto Dolls
1 ditto Fans
1 ditto Purses
1 ditto elegant Albums.
Also,
Fancy China FLOWER POTS, VASES, Cake Trays, Plaques, &c., Superior Electro-plated Goods, Oil Paintings, by Academy exhibitors.

KELLETT and ALFORD will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 14, Barrack-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 sharp, The above goods, without reserve.

THIS DAY, 24th DECEMBER.

Valuable and Unique INDIAN GOODS, in METAL, IVORY, SANDALWOOD, PEARL, &c., &c., suitable for NEW YEAR'S GIFTS, consisting of HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, ENVELOPE BOXES, Lotto Cups, Finger Glasses, CARD TRAYS, Teapots, Pen Boxes, &c., &c.

FRASER and CO. will sell the above by auction, at the City Mart, THIS DAY, 24th December, at 11 o'clock.

*** Goods now on view.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock. GLEBE POINT-ROAD.

WATCHMAKER'S and JEWELLER'S PLANT, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c.

ANDREW ALLAN has received instructions to sell by auction, on the Premises, 211, Glebe Point-road, near the Ancient Briton Hotel, Pyrmont Bridge-road, THIS DAY at 11 o'clock, The whole of the stock of gold and silver watches, chains, alberts, brooches, and assorted jewellery, clocks, &c. Also, The working tools of a practical jeweller. Terms, cash. No reserve. Office—143, King-street.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, At the Rooms, 54, Park-street. Furniture, Bedsteads, Boots, Clothing, Sundries.

R. J. HUGHES and CO. will sell by auction, at their Rooms, as above. Terms, cash.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock. At 5, Bruce-street, Redfern, back of Forsyth's Rope Factory. H. H. Suite, Sideboard, Centre Table, Pictures, Pier Glass, Ornaments, Clocks, Crockery, Sewing Machine, Cedar Chest Drawers, Tubular Bedsteads, Bedding, Washstands, Kitchen and Cooking Utensils.

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LOOK OUT FOR CARRINGTON HEIGHTS. MANLY, LOVELY MANLY. HUNTLEY and BARNARD, 161, Pitt-street.

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THIS DAY, 24th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.

THE NEW AUCTION MART, 199, PITT-STREET.

ATTRACTIVE and UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION of 57 CASES LONDON-MADE FURNITURE, FRAMEWORK, MIRRORS, SPLENDID OVERMANTELS, ELEGANT PIANOFORTES, &c. Now landed, in excellent order, Ex Brilliant, from London. Under instructions from Messrs. JEWELL, DAVIS, and CO. THIS FINE SHIPMENT includes

HIGHEST CLASS DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, E. E. design, in AMERICAN WALNUT, upholstered in Figured Silk, Tapestry, and Terra Cotta, Silk Plush Borders
RODNEY SETTEE SUITES, in Green Silk Velvet Plush
REAL SOLID ROSEWOOD and INLAID MARQUETERIE SUITES, covered in rich Genoa Velvet and Plush
MUSIC CABINET, OCCASIONAL CHAIRS, and SQUARE FANCY TABLES to MATCH
ARM CHAIRS, in Buttoned Satin, Plush, and Brass Studding
CARD TABLES and OCCASIONAL CENTRE TABLES, in AMERICAN WALNUT
Walnut Inlaid Davenport Whatnots and Music Cabinets
EBONISED COVE-TOP EE CABINETS, with Bevelled Mirrors
WALNUT CABINETS and Lined Plush EBONISE CABINETS
HIGH-BACK AMERICAN WALNUT CABINETS, fitted with Bevelled Plates
Ebonised Square Music Cabinets, with Mirrors
WALNUT, EBONITE, and OAK OVERMANTELS, fitted with numerous Bevelled Plates
Music Stools assorted, Ebonised Folding Chairs
Walnut Tub Chairs, in Figured Silk, Tapestry, and Plush
Oblong Oval Tables, in Inlaid Walnut
OVAL LOO TABLES, INLAID MARQUETERIE, and WALNUT
EE OCTAGON CENTRE TABLES, in AMERICAN WALNUT
Ebonised EE Coffee Tables, Rosewood Square Tables
INLAID ROSEWOOD WINE TABLES, Inlaid Work Tables
SOLID WALNUT CORNER BRACKETS, with Bevelled Plates
Embroidered Satin Footstools, Gipsy Tables

DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.
BANISTER-BACK SUITES, in AMERICAN WALNUT, carved Acorn Back and Buttoned Spring Seats, covered in Maroon Morocco
BROWN OAK STUFFED-BACK SUITES, in Green Morocco, studded with Steel Nails
CARVED PANEL BACK SUITES, in Maroon Morocco
AMERICAN WALNUT STUFFED-BACK SUITES in Maroon Morocco, finished close Brass Studs
Open-Back Suites, in Maroon Morocco
OAK CROMWELL SUITES, with Rail Tops, in Green Morocco
LIGHT OAK and SPANISH MAHOGANY SUITES of EE Designs
CARVED SIDEBOARDS, in LIGHT and BROWN OAK, with Carved Tops fitted with Bevelled Mirrors
EXTENDING DINING TABLES, with Patent Screw Movements
DINNER WAGGONS, with Drawers and Mediæval Brass Handles
EXTRA FINISHED SIDEBOARDS, in AMERICAN WALNUT, with richly Carved Panels and Bevelled Plates
Ten-feet TELESCOPE DINING TABLES, in AMERICAN WALNUT, or Massive Carved Legs
BEVELLED MIRROR DINNER WAGGONS, with Carved Frieze en suite
VERY HANDSOME DINING-ROOM SUITE, in RICHLY-CARVED AMERICAN WALNUT, with Beaded Mouldings, and covered in Real Chocolate Morocco, and full stuffed with best Curled Hair
LOFTY SIDEBOARD TELESCOPE DINING TABLE and MASSIVE ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON, carved en suite
OAK and MAHOGANY CYLINDER WRITING TABLES, Lined Leather; Pedestal Writing Tables, in Mahogany and Oak
Mahogany Revolving Chairs for Library, covered in Leather
MASSIVE BLACK WALNUT SIDEBOARDS, with Cupboard Back and Bevelled Plates
Oak Cabinet Whatnot, with Receptacles for Coal
Mahogany Bracket Tables, lined Leather

BEDROOM FURNITURE.
Newest Designs in SOLID ASH EE BEDROOM SUITES
WALNUT and ASH EE SUITES, finished with Bevelled Mirrors
POLISHED ASH SUITES, with Bureau Chests of Drawers
AMERICAN WALNUT SUITES, with Recessed Break Front Wardrobe and Bevelled Plates throughout
HANDSOMELY CARVED and WELL-FINISHED SUITES in AMERICAN WALNUT of special designs
COMPLETE SUITES in Solid BLACK WALNUT, with Bevelled Mirrors to Wardrobe and Toilets
ITALIAN WALNUT DRESSING CHESTS, with attached Mirrors
Wardrobes and Chests of Drawers in Birch
Birch and Mahogany DUCHESSE TOILETS and Washstands, with Marble Tops
BURR WALNUT WARDROBES complete
SUPERIOR MAHOGANY WARDROBES, Long Body and Bevelled Plateglass Door
Commodes in Walnut, Mahogany, and Birch.

HALL FURNITURE.
CHIPPENDALE HAT STANDS, in Walnut and Satinwood, with Bevelled Mirror
MAHOGANY EE HAT STAND, Carved Panels, and Diamond and Oval Bevelled Plates and Marble Tops
HALL CHAIRS to match, with Tiled Backs
GLOVE BOX, HATSTANDS, and CHAIRS in Oak and Mahogany.

To Furnishing Warehousemen, Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing, Country Buyers, Brokers, &c.

HARRIS and ACKMAN have received instructions from Messrs. JEWELL, DAVIS, and CO., to arrange the SALE of the above IMPORTANT SHIPMENT of the HIGHEST-CLASS LONDON-MADE FURNITURE, which will be FULLY DISPLAYED for OPEN SALE BY AUCTION, at the NEW AUCTION MART, 199, PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, 24th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES in course of preparation.

TERMS LIBERAL, AT SALE.

THIS DAY, 24th instant, at 2.30 o'clock.
BUTCHERS' BLOCKS
IRON FITTINGS
BUILDING MATERIALS
FLOORING BOARDS, JOISTS
GALVANISED IRON, TIMBER
SCANTLING and SUNDRIES.

WM. CRANE, Jun., has received instructions to sell by auction, on the premises lately occupied by Baily and Playfair, Oxford-street, The above, without reserve. Terms, cash.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

HARDIE and GORMAN announce that their Salerooms and Offices will be CLOSED for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS from FRIDAY, 25th, to MONDAY, 28th instant (inclusive). 133, PITT-STREET.

MIDDLE HARBOUR FERRY.

WEDNESDAY, 30th DECEMBER, at the SYDNEY AUCTION MART, 130, PITT-STREET.

THE LEASE FOR 12 MONTHS of the MIDDLE HARBOUR FERRY AT THE SPIT from 1st January, 1886, to 31st December, 1886.

Terms at Sale.

MILLS and PILE have been instructed by the Commissioner and Engineer for Roads to sell by public auction at their Mart, 130, Pitt-street, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th December, at 11.30, THE LEASE FOR 12 MONTHS of the MIDDLE HARBOUR FERRY, as above.

SATURDAY, 16th January, 1886.

FIELD OF MARS.

THE FIRST SUBDIVISION SALE, on easy terms.

KENNEDY'S SELECTION.

58 CHOICE LOTS

On the Crest of the Hill, overlooking Lane Cove River and Buffalo Creek,

CLOSE TO THE PITTWATER-ROAD.

MILLS and PILE have received instructions from the Proprietor to sell by public auction, ON THE GROUND, on SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY, at half-past 3, THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOTS, fronting the Pittwater-road, High-street, Westminster-road, and Kennedy-street. Each lot has 66 FEET FRONTAGE BY GOOD DEPTH to a lane at the rear.

THE LAND is beautifully situate, within easy distance of the Government wharf, and but a short distance from the Lane Cove River.

A FEATURE in this beautiful district is the fine Government grant of 40 acres, already dedicated to the public.

A SPECIAL FEATURE of this sale will be that every lot will be started at one upset price, like all Government sales, the UPSET PRICE being 10s PER FOOT.

THE TERMS OF SALE ARE VERY EASY, 10 per cent. deposit, balance in 12 quarterly payments, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly with the instalments.

To convey intending buyers to the ground on the day of sale, A SPECIAL STEAMER will leave the Circular Quay at 2 p.m.

TITLE, TORRENS'.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 23rd December, 1885. SAMUEL LYONS and ANOTHER v. JAMES ERWIN.

ON TUESDAY, the fifth day of January, 1886, at NOON, unless the writ of fieri facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by Public Auction, under the verandah of the Supreme Court, King-street, Sydney, All the right, title, and interest of James Erwin, the defendant herein, of, in, and to all that parcel of land situate in the parish of St. Phillips in the city of Sydney, in the county of Cumberland, and colony of New South Wales, being portion of lot No. 6, section 52, in the said city of Sydney, bounded on the west by Clarence-street, commencing at a point on the east side thereof, being the north-west corner of allotment No. 7, and bearing northerly 13·8 on the north, by a line bearing easterly 49·11, dividing it from house No. 30; on the east by a line bearing southerly 14·9, and on the south by a line bearing westerly 49·11, dividing it from lot No. 7 aforesaid. Terms, Cash. CHARLES COWPER, Sheriff.

WANT, JOHNSON and CO., Plaintiff's Attorney, 60, Pitt-street, Sydney.

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ON BOXING DAY, NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, at 3 o'clock.

WATKIN and WATKIN sell on the estate, by order of the Board of Management of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society, THE MEADS, Burwood Heights, well known as the residence of Mrs. Kates.

Situation Perfect.

Surroundings good, adjoining the princely estate of Austinlea, close to the mansions of Messrs. Mullens, Turner, Hudson, and others.

Elevation equal to any estate in the western railway suburbs, comprising within its area sites which for views are nowhere else now obtainable.

Title, Torrens' Act.

Terms, £5 per lot deposit, balance by easy fortnightly instalments of 2s 2d per £20.

Liberal assistance to build.

PLANS READY.

Inspection solicited.

Plans can be obtained from Strongman and Co., of Burwood.

HURSTVILLE GROVE.

SALE DAY, 1st JANUARY, 1886, at 1.30 p.m.

WATKIN and WATKIN, Auctioneers.

The Auctioneers confidently recommend this beautiful Estate to the consideration of Land Buyers, as one of the best speculations ever offered. The Estate is all first-class land, consisting of a beautiful Hill sloping gently on all four sides, and the soil is really splendid, and will grow anything.

It is convenient to both Hurstville Railway Station and the proposed Platform at Laycock-road—a platform which has been asked for by the people of the district, and which is sure to be granted.

The Vendors (City and County Investment, Land, and Building Company, Limited) being desirous of seeing buildings on the Estate, will lend liberally to build to the extent of 90 per cent. of approved value, to buyers desirous of erecting their own homes.

With a view to meeting the circumstances of all, the terms of sale are the easiest ever offered within the same distance of Sydney, viz.:—

Only £3 per Lot deposit, and the balance 2s 6d per week per Lot. Interest, 6 per cent. per annum. No interest will be charged to those purchasers paying the whole of the purchase money within 12 months.

There is no other country in the world where such opportunities are afforded the working man of acquiring his own home, and when such a chance as at present occurs it is worse than foolish not to take advantage of it. Then do not delay; the good times are rapidly passing away. The subdivision and sale of large blocks near Sydney is ceasing, not because there are no buyers, or because the buyers have no money to buy, but because the blocks are not to be had. There is but one HURSTVILLE GROVE, and when that is sold you may be sorry, when buying an allotment from a more provident individual for twice or three times what it will cost at the sale, that you were not present.

The Auctioneers' instructions are TO SELL, and every Lot put up WILL BE SOLD.

The Title is TORRENS'.

Vendors: The CITY AND COUNTY INVESTMENT, LAND, AND BUILDING COMPANY, Limited, 327, Pitt-street, Sydney.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

NEW BRIGHTON ESTATE.

LADY ROBINSON BEACH.

VIA ROCKDALE STATION (Illawarra railway line) and SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY.

CHOICE WATER FRONTAGES.

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SPLENDID LEVEL BUILDING SITES, with large frontages and great depths, overlooking BOTANY BAY and OUT THROUGH THE BOTANY HEADS TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

Also from this lovely spot can be seen Captain Cook's monument at KURNELL, the historic landing-place of the renowned discoverer; also LA PEROUSE, the HEIGHTS of RANDWICK, WAVERLEY, and WOOLLAHRA.

HUNTLEY and BARNARD have been instructed to sell this very unique property, on the ground, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 9, 1886.

It is situate at the CORNER of BAY-STREET, and FRONTS the GRAND PARADE, which are traversed by SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY LINE, by means of which it is possible to leave the city on the Illawarra Railway and be conveyed to the estate in 20 minutes.

The Railway Service is already of a very accommodating character, there being 16 trains daily; and the number must soon be increased, as population is settling very rapidly all along the Illawarra railway suburbs.

No one can speak definitely as to the future of this locality; but it does not require a PROPHET to foresee that this lovely spot will soon rival Manly, and at no very distant date outrival Brighton in England, with its many grand terraces, parades, splendid hotels and boarding-houses, and residences of merchant princes.

With characteristic enterprise, Mr. SAYWELL is now completing his original scheme of building magnificent Salt Water Swimming Baths for adults and children, who may bathe in perfect safety. He has also obtained a License for a Family Hotel, and is about to erect the same AT ONCE, such as will be a credit to himself and the neighbourhood; also a PIER or Wharf to accommodate parties arriving by steamer, &c.

Words fail to describe the beauty of the scene at this favourite MARINE RESORT. The vast expanse of water forming the "Bay" is like a lake of azure hue, bounded on the west by a beach of silver sand seven miles long, without a stone or any kind of rubbish on its entire length, upon which already thousands of citizens are daily enjoying the refreshing and invigorating sea breezes.

Know all men by these presents that the first subdivision sale will take place on the ground, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 9, 1886, at Three o'clock, under a large marquee to be specially erected for that purpose; and ... desire a safe investment, with certain prospect of a rapid profit, will do well to become buyers in this Estate, and repeat the experiences of those fortunate persons who bought at Manly Beach a few years ago.

Vendors are Metropolitan Mutual Permanent Building and Investment Association, Limited (R. W. Conway, Esq., manager).

Terms will be, as usual with this Society, very liberal—viz., 10 per cent. deposit, balance by 36 monthly payments bearing 5 per cent., or 60 monthly payments with 6 per cent. Any period over five years, interest at 8 per cent., with liberty to pay off at any time.

Special Train and Tram.

Title, Torrens'.

Auctioneers' office, 161, Pitt-street.

CHEAP LAND.

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A GRAND OPPORTUNITY for COUNTRY VISITORS to SECURE fine ORCHARD BLOCKS or RESIDENTIAL SITES, as follows:—

MANLY. BEAUTIFUL MANLY. 40 ALLOTMENTS of FRESHWATER HEIGHTS ESTATE, commanding LOVELY OCEAN VIEWS.

EMU PLAINS. BOGIE'S FARM SUBDIVISION, 7 ORCHARD BLOCKS, of 4 ACRES EACH.

FAIRFIELD. 6 ALLOTMENTS, fronting Madeline-street, a ditto, ditto Moorgate-street, being Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, Sec. 4, of STUBB'S SUBDIVISION, Vol. 486, Folio 60.

AUBURN. 5 ALLOTMENTS, of Sec. 5, DAY'S SUBDIVISION, being Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 28, and 29, fronting Urangaleen and Karabar streets.

ASHFIELD. 6 SPLENDID BUILDING SITES, fronting Alt-street.

HUNTLEY and BARNARD will sell by auction, in their Rooms, 161, Pitt-street, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 2, 1886, at 3 o'clock, The above very capital lands.

The TERMS will be EASY, and TITLE FIRST-CLASS.

NOTE. This is a GRAND CHANCE for the WORKING MAN.

ERINA TOWNSHIP.

GOSFORD. GOSFORD.

AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND, BOXING DAY.

Special OCEAN STEAMER chartered to convey intending purchasers; also, Overland Route.

Plans, tickets for steamer and luncheon, and particulars, BOYD and KING, Auctioneers, 98, Pitt-street, Sydney.

FOR NOTHING.—Dozen CHRISTMAS CARDS for nothing to everyone who buys a CHRISTMAS PRESENT at FULLER'S, 385 and 387, George-street, To-day. Ask for them.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—Cheapest and Best Excursions, King-st. to Parramatta, hourly. Steamers, trams.

Funerals.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. THOMAS WALSH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved infant DAUGHTER, Mabel Rose; to move from his residence, High-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at a quarter past 9 o'clock to Balmain Cemetery. REUBEN W. THOMAS, Undertaker, 44, York-street, only.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JOHN WALLER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Eliza Waller; to move from his residence, Arthur-street, St. Leonards, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, to Necropolis. H. KINSELA, George-street, opposite Christ Church, and Sussex-street South.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. HENRY SAMUELS, of Lambert-street, Camperdown, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved MOTHER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Eliza Waller; to move from her late residence, Arthur-street, St. Leonards, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, to Necropolis. H. KINSELA, George-st., opposite Christ Church.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JAMES DANIEL BEATTY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Elizabeth Jane Beatty; procession will move from his residence, Cunningham-street, near St. Thomas' Church, St. Leonards, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock p.m. R. B. CROPLEY, Undertaker, Harris-st., Sydney.

THE FRIENDS of THOMAS HIGLEY, of Blue's Point-road, St. Leonards, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved and esteemed SISTER-IN-LAW, Elizabeth Jane Beatty; procession to move from the residence of her husband, Mr. James D. Beatty, Cunningham-st., St. Leonards, for St. Thomas' Cemetery, at 1 p.m. R. B. CROPLEY.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. WILLIAM KEARDON are invited to attend his Funeral, to move from his late residence, 227, Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at quarter to 2 o'clock, to Necropolis. CHARLES KINSELA, Undertaker, 116, Oxford-street, near Crown-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. ANTHONY O'CONNELL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved SON, John Joseph, aged 2 years 2 months; to move from his father's residence, No. 3, Minerva-terrace, Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter-past 2 o'clock, to the Necropolis. P. KIRBY, Undertaker.

THE FRIENDS of JAMES THORNE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved WIFE, Alice; to move from her late residence, Lesetta, Illawarra-road, Marrickville, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock sharp, to the Necropolis. P. KIRBY, Undertaker, 60 and 84, Hunter-street, and 117, Crown-street, Woolloomooloo.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JAMES BRICHENO are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Mary Ann; to move from his residence, Bank Meadows, Botany, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for Long Bay Cemetery. J. and G. SHYING and CO., Undertakers, No. 8, George-street West; 140, Liverpool-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. GEORGE NEGUS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Mary Ann Bricheno; to move from Bank Meadows, Botany, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for Long Bay Cemetery. J. and G. SHYING and CO., Undertakers, No. 8, George-street West; 140, Liverpool-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. J. THOMPSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Mary Ann Bricheno; to move from her late residence, Bank Meadows, Botany, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for Long Bay Cemetery. J. and G. SHYING and CO., Undertakers, No. 8 George-st. West; 140, Liverpool-st.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. THOMAS KERSEY NURTHEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON, Henry Kersey, 14 years; to move from his residence, 57, Stewart-street, Paddington, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. R. B. CROPLEY and CO., Undertakers, Harris-st., and 45, Glebe P.-rd.

THE FRIENDS of RICHARD NURTHEN, G. ROBERTS, A. W. HEAPS, and T. GEORGE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved NEPHEW, Henry Kersey Nurthen; to move from No. 57, Stewart-st., Paddington, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. R. B. CROPLEY and CO., Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of JOSEPH ANDERSON are invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE; to move from her late residence, Princes-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of JAMES WARK are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. J. Anderson; to move from her late residence, Princes-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 3 o'clock, for the Balmain Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. THOMAS TANCRED are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Annie; to move from his residence, Elizabeth-street, Balmain West, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 3 o'clock, for Balmain Catholic Cemetery. ROBERT F. WOOD and CO., Undertakers, Darling-st., Balmain, and 807, George-st. S.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. PETER TANCRED are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, Annie Tancred; to move from her late residence, Elizabeth-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 3 o'clock, for Balmain Catholic Cemetery. ROBERT F. WOOD and Co., Undertakers, Darling-st., Balmain.

THE FRIENDS of Messrs. JOHN, SAMUEL, HENRY, and WILLIAM BOWDEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Annie Tancred; to move from her late residence, Elizabeth-street, Balmain West, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 3 o'clock, for Balmain Catholic Cemetery. R. F. WOOD and CO.

THE FRIENDS of Messrs. JAMES, STEPHEN, and MICHAEL TANCRED are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Annie Tancred; to move from her late residence, Elizabeth-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 3 o'clock, for Balmain Catholic Cemetery. Robert F. Wood and Co., Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. CORNELIUS SMITH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Annie Tancred; to move from her late residence, Elizabeth-street, Balmain West, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 3 o'clock, for Balmain Catholic Cemetery. Robert F. Wood and Co., Undertakers, Balmain.

Military Notices.

MILITARY NOTICE.

Brigade Office, Sydney,
December 23, 1885.

No. 268 B. O.

8. Recruit Drill will be SUSPENDED from TO-MORROW till the 4th proximo.

By order.

(Signed) H. D. MACKENZIE, A.A.G.

NAVAL ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

Members of the late BAND are requested to attend the Drill-shed next FRIDAY, 8.30 p.m., with any clothing or instruments they may have belonging to the Corps, and will receive pay due.

FRED. CAVILL,
Acting Paymaster.

SYDNEY SCOTTISH RIFLES.

DRILL Postponed till TUESDAY NIGHT, 29th instant.

JOHN MACDONALD,
Major Commanding S.R.C.S.V.R.

SYDNEY RIFLE CLUB.—Competition fixed for to-day is Postponed to Thursday, Jan. 7. A. P. Wood, hon. sec.

Educational.

ABERLEIGH, 127, Phillip-st.—Miss BAINES' Preparatory School for Boys. Vacation December 18 to Jan. 18.

ASHFORD COLLEGE, Darlinghurst-road.—Principal, Miss GFLLY, assisted by 17 Professors and Teachers. Prospectus forwarded on application.

EVENING TUITION.—Matriculation, Law, &c. JAMES OLIVER, M.A., Narellan, Glebe Point.

FRENCH CLASS, by a French lady, during the Christmas Holidays, at Mrs. Davis's, 73, West-st., Darlinghurst.

GOULBURN LADIES' COLLEGE, conducted by Mrs. MILLER.

MINNAVILLE SCHOOL, conducted by Miss Connor, assisted by efficient governesses. 311, Upper Dowling-st.

MONS. EPARDEAUX visits or receives Pupils—Piano, Organ, &c. Terms, 3, Richmond-terrace, Domain.

MISS WALKER, Theorist and Teacher of Music (holding Trinity College, London, higher certificate), visits or receives Pupils, prepares for exams.; references; terms moderate. Sandhurst, Alice-st., Newtown. Duties resumed Jan. 18.

NORTH SHORE

ADDERSTONE SCHOOL,
High-street, Neutral Bay.

The system of education is based upon the plan pursued in the best modern English Schools.

The course of instruction includes Religious Knowledge, English Language and Literature, History and Geography, Mathematics, Physical Science, Latin; Class Singing and Theory of music. Special classes for pupils studying for the University Examinations. The staff of teachers includes the best visiting masters and mistresses, with English, French, and German Governesses.

Adderstone is pleasantly situated on Neutral Bay, the house standing in its own grounds, with tennis lawn and bathing-house.

Miss MACARTHUR, principal.

POINT PIPER-ROAD, UPPER PADDINGTON.

MISS GREENWOOD, who holds first-class certificates, will open a SCHOOL for Girls, at the above address, in January, 1886. The course of instruction will include the various branches of a liberal English education. Prospectus and all further particulars on application.

RIVIERE COLLEGE.—Esher, Edgecliff-rd., Nelson-st. and Queen-st., Wool'ra. Principals, Prof. and Mrs. Goergs.

ROYSTON COLLEGE,
CRAIG-END, DARLINGHURST.

F. BEVILL, M.A., HEADMASTER,
Assisted by a Large Staff of Able Masters.

There will be vacancies after Christmas for resident and daily pupils. Candidates prepared for any of the University or Survey-office examinations.

The house is surrounded by 2 acres of recreation ground, and the domestic arrangements are on the most Liberal Scale.

For prospectus, references, photograph of house, &c., apply to the Headmaster.

SINGING, PIANOFORTE, THEORY.

Miss EVA THOMPSON,
Associate Royal Academy of Music, London.

Terms of Miss Eva Thompson, 443, Riley-street, Surry Hills.

SIGNOR FABRIS' Christmas Vacations commence on the 24th December, and terminate January 3rd, 1886. During January Signor Fabris will re-open to give finishing lessons to ladies or gentlemen desiring same, at his residence. 299, Victoria-street, opposite St. John's School, Darlinghurst.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE, DARLINGHURST.

Madame DE MONSIGNY wishes to inform her friends and the patrons of her School that, having at Xmas to leave her present residence on account of the owner's resuming the property, she has arranged to lease ROSEBANK, well known as the old-established School of the Misses MARTIN, who are to retire at the end of the year. Extensive alterations will be made to the house, class-room, and grounds. Madame De Monsigny hopes that the patronage hitherto given to the two establishments respectively will be bestowed on the joint schools, which from January, 1886, will be known under the name of SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE, ROSEBANK, Darlinghurst.

THE SCHOOL, MOUNT VICTORIA.

Reopens 11th January.

Vacancies. Special attention to spelling, composition, and arithmetic. Evening lessons. Special class for junior pupils. Healthy climate. Terms, 10 guineas per quarter. For references, &c., apply to H. G. RIENITS, Principal.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

BRISBANE WATER.—Steamers Gosford and Broken Bay, King-street, daily, 8.30, No. 4 Jetty, 9 a.m. holidays.

Shipping.

HUNTER'S HILL AND LANE COVE RIVER. STEAMERS LEAVE—

LIME-STREET, at 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 9.15, 11.15.

FIG TREE, HUNTER'S HILL, 7, 8, 8.50, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.5, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 10.15.

SUNDAYS.—LIME-STREET, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2.15, 3, 6.15, 7.15.

FIG TREE.—9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 5.15, 6, 7.15.

Extra fare after 8 p.m.—1s, single or return.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO TO WATSON'S BAY, on CHRISTMAS DAY.

The s.s. YOUNG DICK will leave Woolloomooloo 10.30 and 2.30; Watson's Bay, 12 and 5.15. On BOXING DAY.—First boat 9.30, and hourly during the day.

M. N. SILVA.

FOR ULLADULLA and CLYDE RIVER.—Schooner ELSINORE, receiving Cargo at Goodlet's THIS DAY.

FOR NAMBUCCRA RIVER.—Schooner Eliza Allan, from Fagan's Wharf on MONDAY. P. Hogan, agent.

FOR LONDON.

FOR PASSENGERS.

The splendid four-masted Ship
PORT JACKSON,
A1 at Lloyd's, 2132 tons register,
ROBERT CROMBIE, Commander,
having the bulk of her cargo down, will be despatched on or about SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

This vessel presents a very favourable opportunity to passengers, being one of the finest and largest sailing ships afloat.

Inspection of the superior saloon and state-room accommodation is invited, as only a limited number of passengers will be taken.

Second-class passengers are provided for in the house on main deck. A most liberal dietary scale.

Passage money, £21, and upwards.

Apply on board at Circular Quay, foot of Pitt-street; or to
MASON BROTHERS, Limited,
Shipping Office, 14, Spring-street; or to
JOHN SANDERSON and CO.,
Bond-street.

WOOL RECEIVED AT TALBOT and CO.'S.

FOR LONDON MARCH WOOL SALES.

The well-known 100 A1 Iron Clipper Ship
TRAFALGAR,
1429 tons register, D. MOIR, Commander,
is now nearly finished loading, and requires only a few bales wool.

The accommodation for both first and second class passengers on this magnificent ship is unsurpassed.

For freight or passage, apply to Captain Moir, on board at Circular Quay; or
MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.,
Agents.

Wool received at Flood and Co.'s Stores.

FROM MELBOURNE to LONDON via the CAPE of GOOD HOPE,
CALLING at CAPE TOWN.

Messrs. GREEN'S magnificent BLACKWALL passenger ship
MELBOURNE,
2000 tons, Captain C. Cooke,
will be dispatched about the 1st FEBRUARY, carrying first and second class passengers for both ports. A surgeon accompanies the ship.

J. H. WHITE and CO., 49, William-street.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

To follow the COROLLA,
The favourite A1 clipper ship
ABERGELDIE, 1152 tons,
R. Johnson, commander,
will be despatched in January.

For freight, &c., apply to the Captain; or to
BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited,
Agents.

Wool received at Flood's Stores, Circular Quay.

FOR LONDON.

Now fast loading at Circular Quay.

The well-known iron clipper
COROLLA,
100 A1 at Lloyd's, 1264 tons register,
DAVID MESSER, Commander,
requires only a few bales to complete her engagements, and will be despatched first week in January.

For freight, &c., apply at once to
BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited,
Agents.

FOR LONDON.

DUKE OF ATHOLE,
J. R. BROWN, Commander,
having large engagements, will receive quick despatch.

For freight and passage apply to
ALFRED LAMB and CO.,
Agents.

Wool received at the Central Wharf.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

FOR MARCH WOOL SALES.

The iron clipper barque
OPHELIA, 1184 tons,
having nearly the whole of her cargo engaged, and requiring only a small quantity of wool to complete, will have prompt despatch.

For freight, &c., apply to
GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., Agents; or to
JAMES SKINNER, 3, O'Connell-street.

Wool received at TALBOT'S, CIRCULAR QUAY.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

The fine Aberdeen clipper ship
CHRISTIANA THOMPSON, 1079 tons register,
R. Murray, Commander,
is now loading, and having LARGE ENGAGEMENTS, will have prompt despatch.

For freight, passage, and further particulars, apply to
GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., Agents,
or to JAMES SKINNER, 3, O'Connell-street.

WOOL RECEIVED AT TALBOT'S, CIRCULAR QUAY.

FOR LONDON.

The favourite 100 A1 Aberdeen clipper ship
BRILLIANT,
C. W. DAVIDSON, Commander,
will have quick despatch.

For freight or passage apply to
DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO.,
Agents.

Wool received at Flood and Co.'s.

FOR LONDON.

The magnificent new iron clipper ship
GENERAL ROBERTS,
1914 tons register, 100 A1,
Samuel Bailey, commander,
will receive despatch.

For freight or passage apply to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

WOOL RECEIVED at the CENTRAL WHARF STORES.

FOR LONDON.

FAST LOADING AT CIRCULAR QUAY.

The celebrated four-masted ship
PORT JACKSON,
Robert Crombie, commander,
will have quick despatch.

For freight apply to
MASON BROTHERS, Limited,
Shipping Office, 14, Spring-street;
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JOHN SANDERSON and CO.,
Bond-street.

Wool received at Talbot and Co.'s.

FOR LONDON.

The magnificent clipper ship
CENTURION,
965 tons register, A1 at Lloyd's,
T. Taylor, Commander,
will receive quick despatch.

For freight or passage apply to
DALGETY and COMPANY, Limited,
Agents.

WOOL RECEIVED AT DALGETY'S WHARF STORES.

SHIP FIERY CROSS, from LONDON.

CONSIGNEES by this vessel are requested to Pass Entries for Dalton's Wharf. The ship will not be responsible for delivery, loss of, or damage to cargo after being landed, and all goods impeding the discharge will be entered, landed, and stored in Dalton's Bond, at the expense and risk of consignees.

Bills of Lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo can leave the wharf.

YOUNG and LARK, Agents.

Captain BROCK will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by his Crew.

BARQUENTINE JANE A. FALKENBURG, from SAN FRANCISCO.
DISCHARGING at GRAFTON WHARF.

CONSIGNEES are requested to Pass ENTRIES at once. The ship will not be responsible for loss of or damage to goods after landed, and all goods impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at risk and expense of consignees.

BILLS OF LADING must be produced, FREIGHTS PAID, and DELIVERY ORDERS obtained from the undersigned, before any cargo can leave the wharf.

CLIFFORD, MOORE, and CO.,
5, Macquarie-place, Agents.

Captain CLINGER will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by his crew without his written authority.

BARQUE SNOWDEN,
FROM ANTWERP.

Consignees are requested to pass entries at once for DIBBS' WHARF.

The ship will not be responsible for any loss of, or damage to, cargo after same shall have been landed, and any cargo impeding discharge will be entered and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo can be delivered.

BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited,
Agents.

N.B.—Captain LEWIS will not be responsible for any debts contracted by his crew without his written authority.

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

S.S. KHANDALLA, from Calcutta.

Consignees are requested to pass entries at once for the Queensland S.S. Company's Wharf.

The ship will not be responsible for any loss of, or damage to, cargo after same shall have been landed; and any cargo impeding discharge will be entered and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo can be delivered.

BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited,
Agents.

N.B.—Consignees of optional cargo are requested to declare their options before noon THIS DAY, Thursday, otherwise this cargo will be dealt with as may be most convenient.

FOR Freight or Charter, the brig SYREN. Apply G. F. MASON, Patent Slip Wharf.

BARQUE DERRY CASTLE,
FROM ANTWERP.

Consignees of goods by this vessel are requested to pass entries at once for MOORE'S WHARF.

This ship will not be responsible for loss or damage to cargo after it is landed. All goods impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of lading must be produced, freights paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods can leave the wharf.

GEO. A. LLOYD and CO.,
Agents.

65, Pitt-street.

Captain GOFFE will not be responsible for any debts contracted by his crew without his written authority.

S.S. PORT VICTOR,
FROM LONDON.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

ALL CLAIMS must be rendered by noon TO-DAY, Thursday. SHIP will not be responsible for CARGO left on wharf after 2 p.m. THIS DAY.

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Discharging at Grafton Wharf.

CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once.

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SHIP DALLAM TOWER, from LONDON.

All ACCOUNTS against this vessel must be rendered in duplicate at the office of the undersigned before noon on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, or they cannot be recognised.

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GOMIZ, J. M., call at 148, Macquarie-street; important. G. Willis, 148, Macquarie-street.

IF Gentleman and little boy who called at Glenmore, call again; things could be arranged.

IF this should meet the eye of H. A. BARNES, late of Blacktown, he is requested to send his address to Arnott's boarding-house, Margaret-street, Wynyard-square, for H. T. Smith.

LADY from Orange.—Write W. Z., Tattersall's Hotel.

MRS. QUINLAN, Nurse.—Wanted address, immediately. Mr. Jones, chemist, Crown-street Terminus.

OCTAVIUS MILLS.—Ellen R. Senior is dying at Hailey, England; but with care may, it is hoped, last for two or three months.

Write at once to William Andrew, 17a, Great George-street, Westminster, London, and come home.

THOMAS LOGAN, Esq.—Dividend Warrants for your Standard Insurance Shares are waiting your disposal in this office. Standard Fire and Marine Insurance Company of New Zealand, Royle's Chambers, Bond-street, Sydney.

WHITE HANDKERCHIEF.—A merry Xmas to you. St. George.

WILLIAM, late Storeman for Norris and Sons,—Call at 408, Sussex-street. To your advantage.

WILL Captain Benjamin Owens or Thomas, please call on T. W. Eady and Son, 86, York-street.

WILL R. SCOTT, lately stopping at the West Coast Hotel, call on A. D. Ness and Co., Hay street.

WILL Mrs. BOLTON, late of 75, Clarence-street, kindly call at 66, Erskine-street, or send address, when she will hear of something to her advantage.

Lost and Found.

LOST, HANDBAG. A. B. Bucknell, Mr. Renwick, King-street, Sydney.

LOST, a morocco CARD CASE, &c.; reward. Cintra, Ocean-street, Woollahra.

LOST, GEM BROOCH, between Cavendish-street and Enmore-rd. Reward at Cole's, grocer, Enmore-road.

LOST, Pug SLUT. Reward on returning to L. C. Russell-Jones, Elmsdie, Cambridge street, Stanmore.

LOST, in or near Market-street, December 12, Bunch of KEYS. Reward, 111, Oxford-street.

LOST, Fox-Terrier DOG, black-and-tan marking. Reward on restoration, Cintra, Wellesley-street, Summer Hill.

LOST, Italian GREYHOUND (slut), with collar. Reward. 73, Denison-street, Woollahra.

LOST, blue and white Dragon PIGEON; Reward. W. Bulgin, Spicer-street, Woollahra.

LOST, from Goodwin's, wheelwright, dark Brown COLT, with halter on, branded MD or MG. Reward. Turpin, Blackwell, and Brian, grocers, 616, George-street.

LOST, on Sunday the 20th, a Brown MARE, TBS conjoined near shoulder, two hind feet white; Reward. S. Tancred, 8, Abattoirs, Glebe Island.

LOST, Curly-haired Brown Retriever, near Mossman's Bay, 20th instant. Reward. D. Alleyne, Holterman-street, St. Leonards.

LOST, two FOX TERRIERS; dog, all white, patch over one eye; slut black-and-tan over head, 3 patches on hind quarters, in neighbourhood of Burwood. Five Pounds Reward. T. Smith; Redmyre-road, Redmyre.

LOST, Liver-coloured WATER SPANIEL, with white breast and fore paws white, long curly ears rather lighter than body. Ten Shillings reward on restoring to Captain W. A. Grant, No. 4, Paton's-building, off Kent-street North, Sydney.

ONE POUND REWARD.—Lost, Blue-and-white Greyhound Slut, Newtown-rd. J. Knuble, Glebe 'Bus Office.

REWARD.—Lost, FOX TERRIER, brown head, black spot near tail. Hegerty, Bourke-street, Waverley.

REWARD.—LOST, White Bull and Terrier DOG. Poplar Cottage, Glebe Point-road.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.—Stolen or Strayed from Hurstville, one Bay MARE, B over Club near shoulder. One Bay HORSE, ML (sideways) near shoulder, 8 on neck. One Chestnut HORSE, B near shoulder. The above reward will be paid on conviction of thief or thieves; if strayed, £2 will be paid on delivery at Forest Bakery, Hurstville.

FOUND, last Thursday, Savings Bank BOOK and Order. Apply 468, Cleveland-street.

FOUND, a PIG. Owner can have him by paying expenses at 347, Sussex-street.

FOUND, brown RETRIEVER; owner can have by paying expenses. 75, Hordern-street, Newtown.

FOUND, Fox TERRIER. Owner can have it by paying expenses. Apply H. Cockroft, Par.-rd., Petersham.

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Meetings.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF HENRY HERON, Solicitor, Sydney.

A MEETING of the Creditors in the above Estate will be held at the office of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, 30th December, at 2.30 p.m., when the trustees will submit a progress report and take directions.

A. R. TROUP,
Accountant and Trade Assignee.
Beresford-chambers, Castlereagh-street, Dec. 23, 1885.

STONEMASONS' SOCIETY.—Special MEETING TO-NIGHT, Swan with Two Necks Hotel. Business—Manly strike and Eight-hours' demonstration balance-sheet. 8 p.m. sharp. W. FERRIER, C. C. S.

BALMAIN STEAM FERRY COMPANY, Limited.—The Extraordinary General MEETING of Shareholders, of which notice has been given, will be held at Mr. Shenstone's rooms, 359, George-street, at 11 a.m., on WEDNESDAY, 30th instant.

C. E. MORTON, Secretary.

DONEGAL TIN-MINING COMPANY, Limited. NOTICE is hereby given that a Special General MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Commercial-chambers, Bond-street, Sydney, on MONDAY, 11th January, 1886, at 4 p.m.

Business: To authorise the directors to sell and absolutely dispose of the Leases, Plant, Machinery, and all available assets of the Company.

ROBERT SADDINGTON, Manager.
Sydney, 23rd December, 1885.

KELLY'S FREEHOLD GOLD-MINING COMPANY, NO LIABILITY.

A Special General MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office, Bank of Australasia-chambers, George and Jamieson streets, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, 6th January, 1886, at 3 p.m.

Business: To confirm the resolutions passed at General Meeting of 23rd December, 1885.

GRESLEY LUKIN, Manager.

Lectures.

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The following
FREE LECTURE
will be delivered in the
TECHNICAL COLLEGE HALL, PITT-STREET.

"The Position of Man in Nature," by Dr. R. VON LENDENFELD, THIS DAY, Thursday, 24th December, at 8 p.m.

ED. DOWLING, Secretary.

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A COMPETENT ASSISTANT wanted, accustomed to tailoring and ready-mades. Zions, tailor, 618, George-street.

A LADY wanted, as PARTNER. Governess' Servants' Agency. K. K., Herald Office.

APPRENTICES required. A. Shadler, machine bread manufacturer, 73, Hunter-street.

AT 108, Bathurst-st., G. Institute.—Wanted, finishing Governess, country; N. Governess, 3 children; L. Help.

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BEE-FARMING.—The Advertiser, who owns a suitable area of Land for bee-farming, wishes to meet with a practical man, to take up the enterprise. The advertiser will either find the capital and pay wages, or is willing to enter into a joint concern. Address Humming Bee, Herald Office. Open one week.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS at the Royal Furnishing Arcade. This Evening. Campbell Brothers, 426, George-st.

COACHTRIMMER.—Wanted, first-class competent MAN. William Vial and Son, 181, Castlereagh-street.

CIVIL Engineer (M.I.C.E.) of long experience in control of important public works, requires OCCUPATION, whole or part time. Address Henricus, Herald Office.

COACHTRIMMER, 6 months' engagement wanted; Wheelwright for country, good at bodies; Housemaid, for ladies' house, splendid home. Apply E. L. Shaw, 104, Elizabeth-street.

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EVELEEN SILVER-MINING COMPANY, Limited, PORT DARWIN.

APPLICATIONS (in writing only) from persons qualified to undertake the General Management of the above Company's Mine, will be received by the undersigned up to January 6, 1886. Applicants must have a thorough practical knowledge of silver-mining.

Applications with testimonials, &c., to be addressed to the undersigned.

J. H. HALE,
Secretary.

42, Arcade, King-street, Sydney,
December 21, 1885.

FOR NOTHING.—Dozen CHRISTMAS CARDS for nothing to everyone who buys a CHRISTMAS PRESENT at FULLER'S, 385 and 387, George-street, To-day.
Ask for them.

GOVERNESS and Tutors' Institute, 55, Hunter-st.—Mrs. Mead requires 15 Governesses for country; good sal.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Windsor.—Required, an Assistant MASTER after the Xmas vacation. None but a University man need apply. Rev. B. Keenan, head master.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

LITHOGRAPHIC ARTIST wanted, good hand for general work. John Sands, Sydney.

LIFE ASSURANCE.—Active Canvassing AGENT of experience required by the Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria; liberal terms. Apply Secretary, 9, Wynyard-street.

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MME. PAULINE HONET require DRESSMAKERS, first-class workers, and Apprentices. Apply from 12 to 2, on and after Monday next, at ROSSALIE, LLOYD, and CO.'S, George-street.

MUTUAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA, Limited.

APPLICATIONS are invited from gentlemen capable of performing the duties of GENERAL MANAGER of this Society.

It will be absolutely necessary that applicants should possess thorough first-class experience of assurance.

An acquaintance with Australian experience will be desirable, but may not be indispensable.

A liberal salary will be attached to the office, and letters, with particulars of experience, present official position, and age, may be addressed to the Chairman of the Directors in Melbourne, the Hon. THOMAS LOADER; to the Chairman in Sydney, the Hon. GEORGE THORNTON, M.L.C.; or to the Chairman in Adelaide, the Hon. CALEB PEACOCK.

MEDICAL.—Applications will be received up to 4th January, 1886, from duly qualified medical practitioners, for the appointment of MEDICAL OFFICER to the Hospital and Medical Association, Vegetable Creek. Salary depends upon contributions from members, and has never been less than £600 per annum, exclusive of private practice. Medical officer supplies medicine for the hospital and members of the Medical Association and their families at his own cost. Applicants must be accustomed to riding, and will state whether they are married or single. Applications, with testimonials, to be addressed to Kennedy Hill, Secretary Medical Association, Emmaville.

NEWS HANDS wanted. John Sands, 374, George-street.

NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, AND AGENCY COMPANY, Limited.

APPLICATIONS for the position of MANAGER will be received by the undersigned up to 6th January, 1886. All particulars can be obtained from

HY. GORMAN,
Chairman of Board.

133, Pitt-street.

PHOTOGRAPHY.—Wanted, a young LADY to learn the business. Fletcher's Studio, 604, George-street.

PARTNER, with small capital, to work 8½ acres of land as Orchard and Poultry Farm; plenty water; or same can be bought at £28 per acre. Address F. Halton, Rooty Hill.

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In consequence of the death of Dr. CECIL MORGAN, Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon, and the resignation of the post of Junior Ophthalmic Surgeon by Dr. THOMAS EVANS, VACANCIES have occurred in the Honorary Ophthalmic Staff, to be filled at the next Board Meeting, 5th January, 1886.

Candidates for the vacancies will please forward their diplomas, credentials, &c., under cover, not later than SATURDAY, 26th instant.

H. D. RUSSELL,
Secretary.

TO BAKERS.—Wanted, a good Second HAND. Apply 183, Oxford-street, Paddington.

TO CAPITALISTS.—Wanted, Partner, £150, good chance. Apply Opportunity, Box 958, G. P. O.

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TO CHAIR-MAKERS.—Wanted, a MAN to call at 105, Woolloomooloo-street, for Instruction.

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For particulars apply to the Registrar.

H. E. BARFF,
Registrar.

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WANTED, PAINTER or handy MAN to Colour and otherwise repair Cottage, 15, Wattle-st., Chippend'e.

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WANTED, respectable YOUTH as Office Boy. Creagh and Williams, solicitors, Bridge-street.

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WANTED, everyone to know that Steamers and Trams run from King-street to Races half-hourly on 26th.

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WANTED, an ASSISTANT for the Fancy Trade; one with a knowledge of ironmongery and glassware preferred. Apply by letter, with testimonials, to Box 131, G. P. O.

WANTED, a first-class Foreman MASON, to take charge of a large Masonry Contract. Applications by letter, with copies of testimonials, to December 31st. J. Stewart and Co., 2, Tattersall's-chambers, Hunter-street.

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WANTED, a NEEDLEWOMAN, for a gentleman's family, must thoroughly understand dressmaking and needlework in all branches; references will be required, and good wages will be given. Apply by letter to A. M., 144, William-street, care of H. W. Foster, stationer.

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ACCOMPLISHED English Governess Disengaged; linguist, music, drawing; lib. salary. Alpha, 158, Phillip-st.

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A YOUNG person waiting Situation, Cook, £1. Miss Hall's Registry, corner Bathurst and Castlereagh streets.

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A THOROUGHLY competent Man (Scandinavian), with 5 years' Cape colonial experience, wants EMPLOY as manager of country business, bookkeeper, salesman, or similar; excellent recommendations. Address A. Hornemann, Herald.

A YOUNG LADY desires POSITION as Nursery Governess in the country, after Christmas vacation; rudiments of English, music, &c., thoroughly taught; references. Address T. L. M. G., Herald Office.

A BONUS of £100 will be given to any Gentleman securing Advertiser a good Situation or any Position of Trust. First-class testimonials, personal city references of the highest order, and security up to £1000. Address Confidence, Federal Building Society, Sydney.

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ENGLAND.—Young Man wants PASSAGE as steward or cook's assistant for return. Address A. B., Herald Office.

FOR NOTHING.—Dozen CHRISTMAS CARDS for nothing to everyone who buys a CHRISTMAS PRESENT at FULLER'S, 385 and 387, George-street, To-day.
Ask for them.

HEALTHY, because Elevated.—The MEADS, Burwood Heights. Watkin and Watkin sell on SATURDAY.

IRONMONGER'S Commercial Traveller open for re-engagement 1st January. Address Iron, Herald Office.

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SITUATION wanted.—A young Person just arrived in Sydney, as COOK in a private family. Apply 148, City Registry, Castlereagh-street.

SITUATION wanted by a good Gardener: English flowers, fruit, vegetables, greenhouse, milk, care of horses; references. Address J. B., Windsor House, No. 20, Jamieson-street, Sydney.

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STATION Manager (at present manager of a large station in this colony) will be prepared to take similar berth next month; an extended experience among sheep, cattle, and horses; first-class testimonials; open for three weeks. Address Masonic, Herald Office.

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WANTED, SITUATION, as Nursemaid or Housemaid, Bathurst or Ashfield preferred. Open for one week. Apply G., care of Mrs. Wallace, Tyne Villa, Snails Bay, Balmain.

WANTED, SITUATION, by steady man, as Sugar-Boiler, well up in machinery, late of Robb and Co., Tweed, Fiji Islands, or Northern Queensland preferred. Open a week. Apply O. W. H., Herald Office.

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WANTED, a WAITER and generally useful. Sydney Coffee Palace.

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WANTED, a WAITRESS. 4, George-street West, new International Dining Rooms.

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